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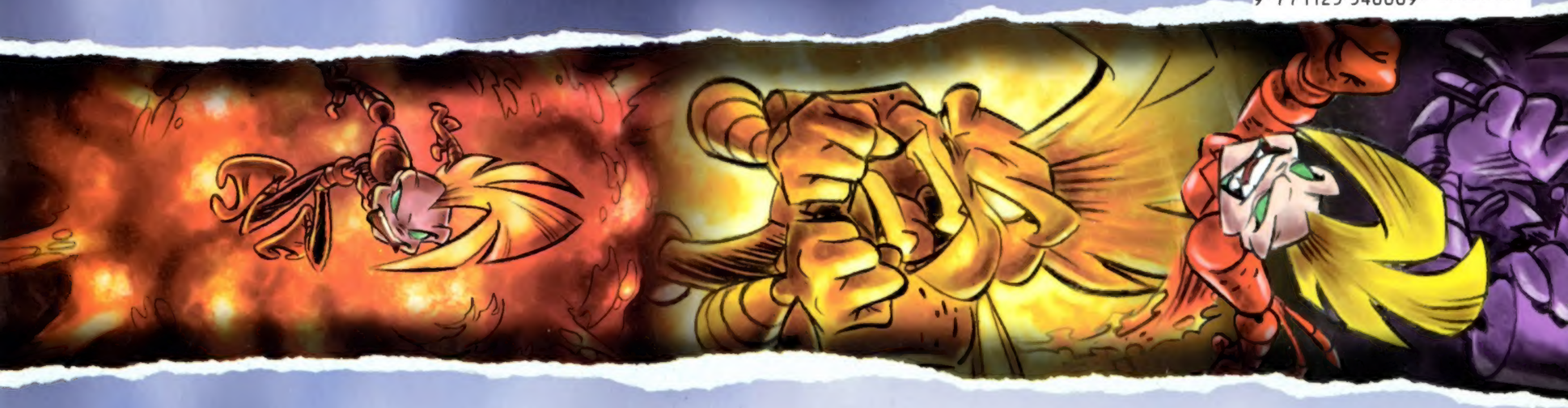

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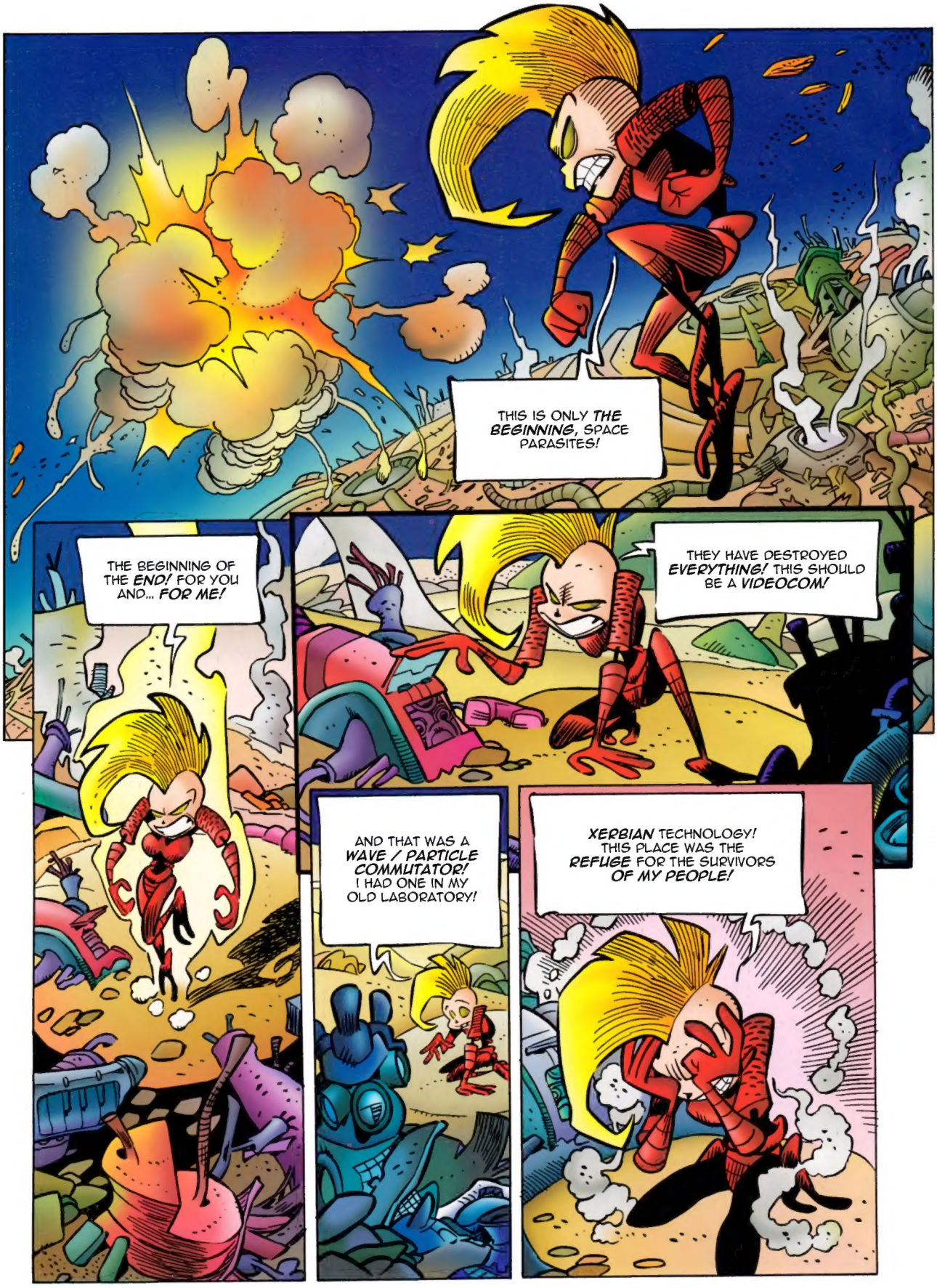
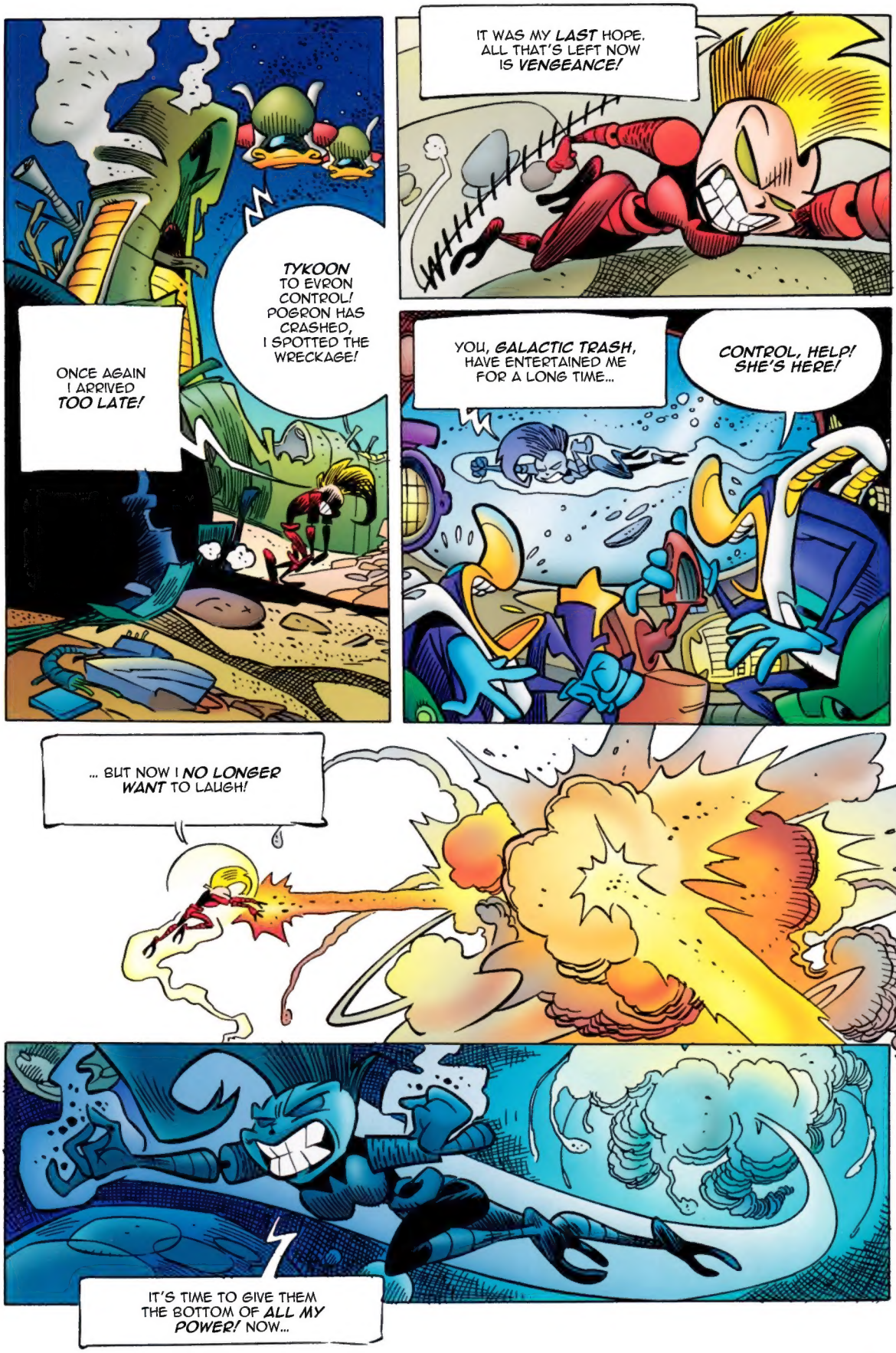
PROSPECTOR BORGON TO EVRON CONTROL. THE XERBIAN PLANT HAS BEEN REMOVED AS ORDERED.
A BIT OF CLEANUP AND WE CAN INSTALL OUR EQUIPMENT!
THOSE CASTAWAYS HAD SETTLED WELL!
IT WOULD BE A PASSABLE PLANET, IF NOT FOR THE LACK OF ENERGY!
HOWEVER, THE WATER OF THE POLAR ICE CAPS WILL BE FINE FOR...
WE HAVE SOMETHING IN THE QUEUE!
WHAT IS IT? A RESCUE SHUTTLE?
TOO FAST. I FEAR THAT IT'S...

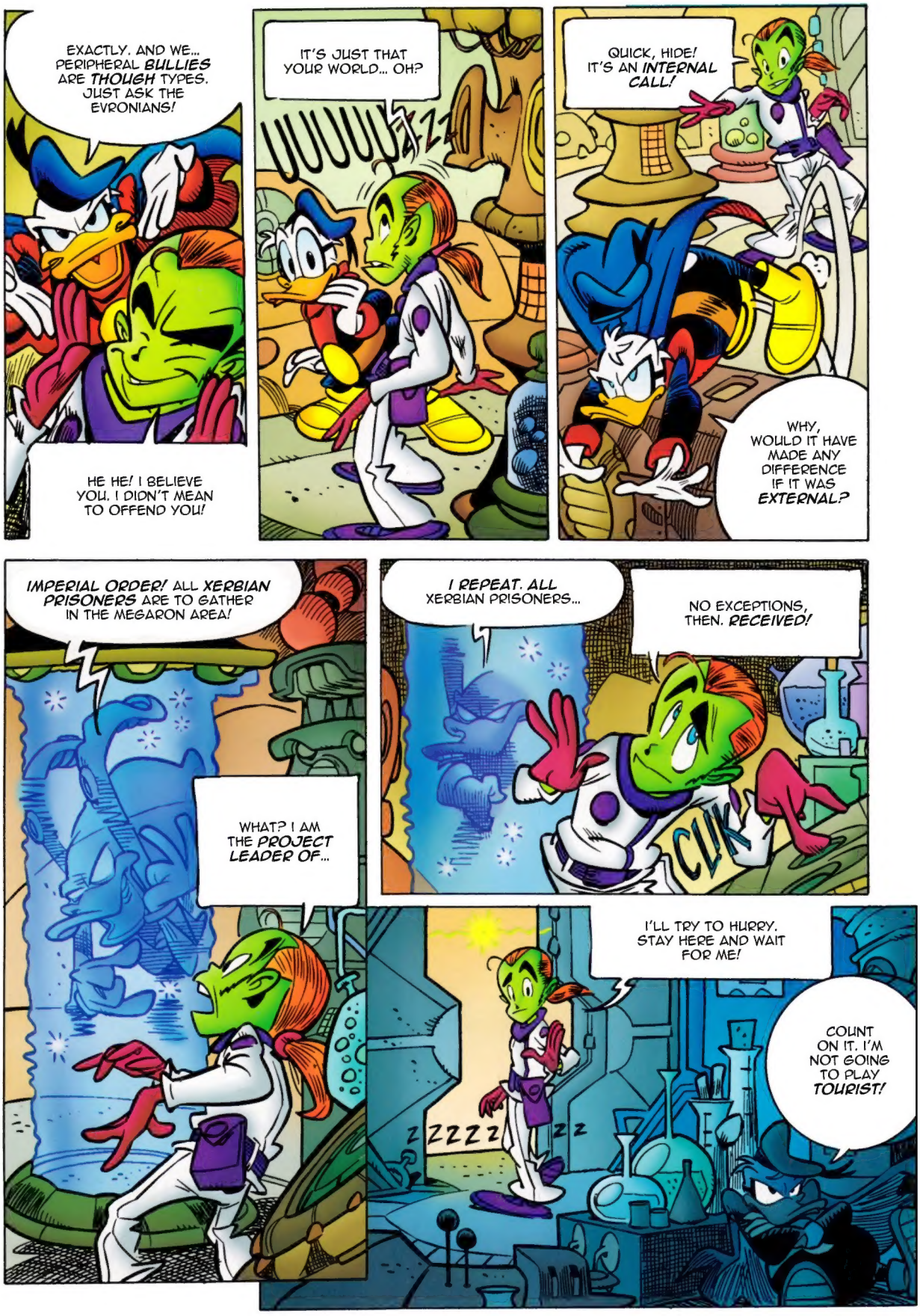

THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, SPACE PARASITES!
THE BEGINNING OF THE END! FOR YOU AND... FOR ME!
THEY HAVE DESTROYED EVERYTHING! THIS SHOULD BE A VIDEOCOM!
AND THAT WAS A WAVE / PARTICLE COMMUTATOR! I HAD ONE IN MY OLD LABORATORY!
XERBIAN TECHNOLOGY! THIS PLACE WAS THE REFUGE FOR THE SURVIVORS OF MY PEOPLE!


IT WAS MY LAST HOPE. ALL THAT'S LEFT NOW IS VENGEANCE!
TYKOON TO EVRON CONTROL! POGRON HAS CRASHED, I SPOTTED THE WRECKAGE!
ONCE AGAIN I ARRIVED TOO LATE!
YOU, GALACTIC TRASH, HAVE ENTERTAINED ME FOR A LONG TIME...
CONTROL, HELP! SHE'S HERE!
... BUT NOW I NO LONGER WANT TO LAUGH!
IT'S TIME TO GIVE THEM THE BOTTOM OF ALL MY POWER! NOW...

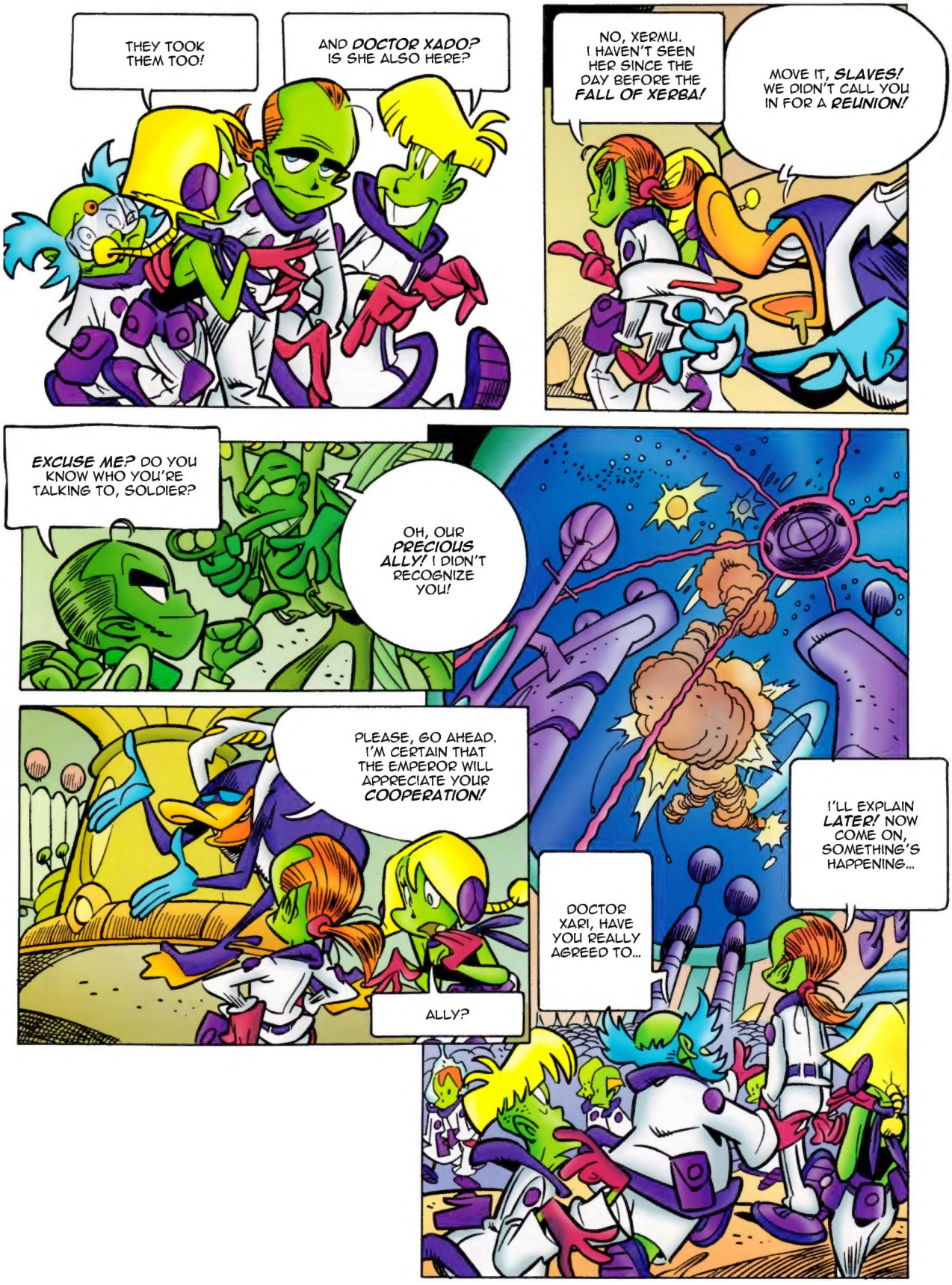
... I HAVE FINALLY REACHED *THE HEART OF THE EVRONIAN EMPIRE!*

SOTTO UN NUOVO SOLE

THE GREAT ENEMY HAS ARRIVED, IMPERIAL HIGHNESS!
NOTIFY THE THIRD, SIXTH AND EIGHT BATTLE FLEET TO RECEIVE HER!
WE DON'T WANT TO BORE HER, AS WE PREPARE TO WELCOME HER!
SO YOU'RE AN ENEMY OF EVRON?
THAT'S RIGHT. I AM THE DUCK AVENGER AND I COME FROM EARTH!
AN UNDERDEVELOPED PLANETOID IN THE GALACTIC PERIPHERY, IF I REMEMBER WELL!

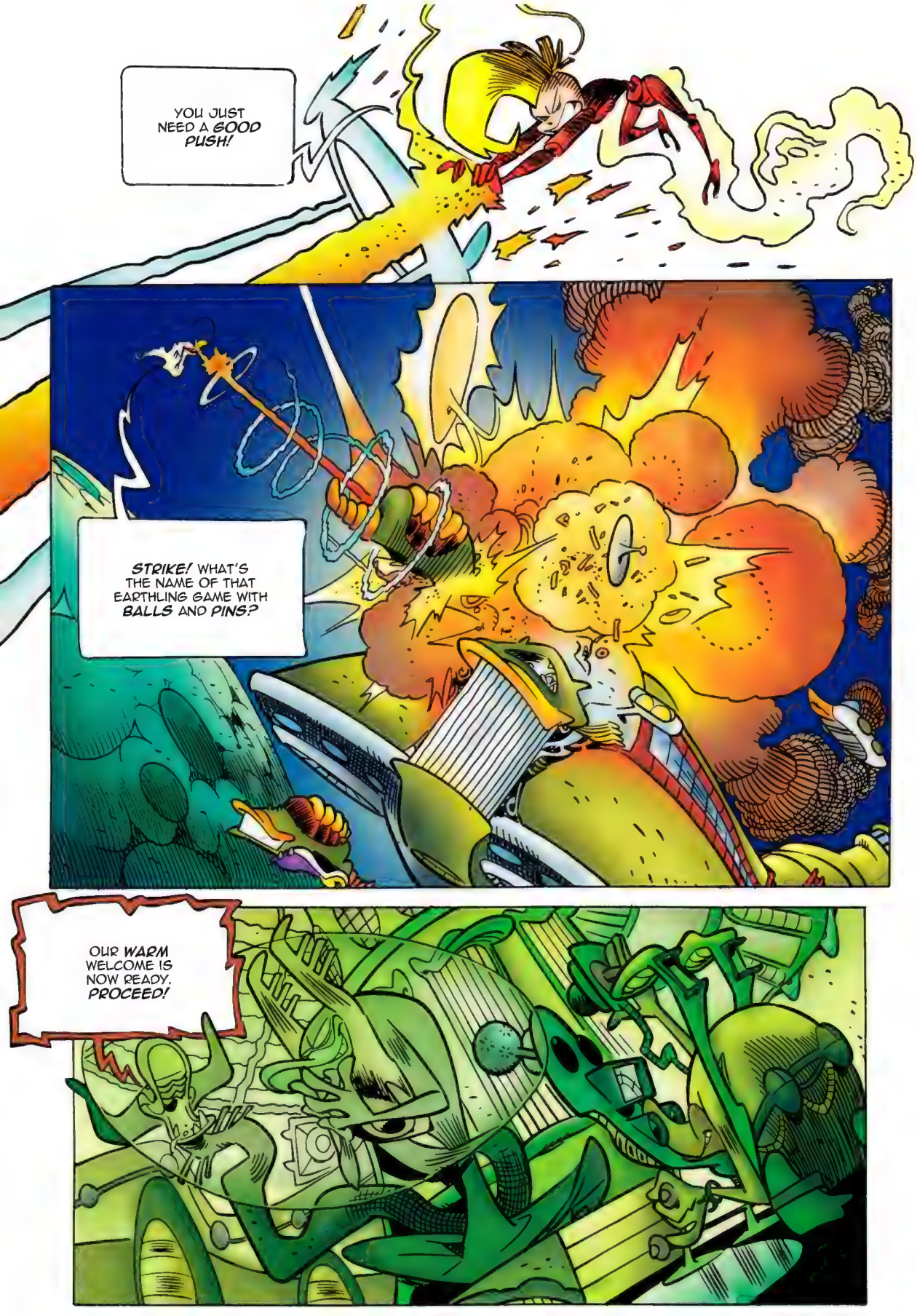

EXACTLY. AND WE... PERIPHERAL BULLIES ARE THOUGH TYPES. JUST ASK THE EVRONIANS!
HE HE! I BELIEVE YOU. I DIDN'T MEAN TO OFFEND YOU!
IT'S JUST THAT YOUR WORLD... OH?
UUUUUZZZ
QUICK, HIDE! IT'S AN INTERNAL CALL!
WHY, WOULD IT HAVE MADE ANY DIFFERENCE IF IT WAS EXTERNAL?
IMPERIAL ORDER! ALL XERBIAN PRISONERS ARE TO GATHER IN THE MEGARON AREA!
WHAT? I AM THE PROJECT LEADER OF...
I REPEAT. ALL XERBIAN PRISONERS...
NO EXCEPTIONS, THEN. RECEIVED!
CLK
I'LL TRY TO HURRY. STAY HERE AND WAIT FOR ME!
COUNT ON IT. I'M NOT GOING TO PLAY TOURIST!
ZZZZZ
ZZ

LOOKS LIKE A GENERAL MUSTER! THE EMPEROR MUST HAVE SOMETHING BIG IN MIND!
THAT WAY! HURRY UP!
DOCTOR XARI!
WE WERE JUST CAPTURED!
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?
XOBOO! XERMU!
I THOUGHT SO. I'VE TRIED TO KEEP THE EVRONIANS AWAY FROM THIS SECTOR IN EVERY WAY, BUT...
DON'T BLAME YOURSELF. AT LEAST WE'RE TOGETHER AGAIN!
XARI!
AND THERE'S XALYA TOO!
I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN! I WAS AFRAID YOU WERE...
I'M FINE! BUT WHAT ABOUT XEBOTH? AND PROFESSOR XAA?


THEY TOOK THEM TOO!
AND DOCTOR XADO? IS SHE ALSO HERE?
NO, XERMU. I HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE THE DAY BEFORE THE FALL OF XERBA!
MOVE IT, SLAVES! WE DIDN'T CALL YOU IN FOR A REUNION!
EXCUSE ME? DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO, SOLDIER?
OH, OUR PRECIOUS ALLY! I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU!
PLEASE, GO AHEAD. I'M CERTAIN THAT THE EMPEROR WILL APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION!
ALLY?
DOCTOR XARI, HAVE YOU REALLY AGREED TO...
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER! NOW COME ON, SOMETHING'S HAPPENING...

"... OUTSIDE!"
WHAT A DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES! DO YOU POSSIBLY THINK MY ENERGY CAN RUN OUT?
I HAVE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE YOU ONE BY ONE...
YEEEK!
... OR IN A FAMILY PACKAGE!
THE FIELD CONVEYOR IS READY, ADMIRAL!
GOOD. PULL THE SWITCH AS SOON AS YOU'VE LOCKED ON TO THE OBJECTIVE!

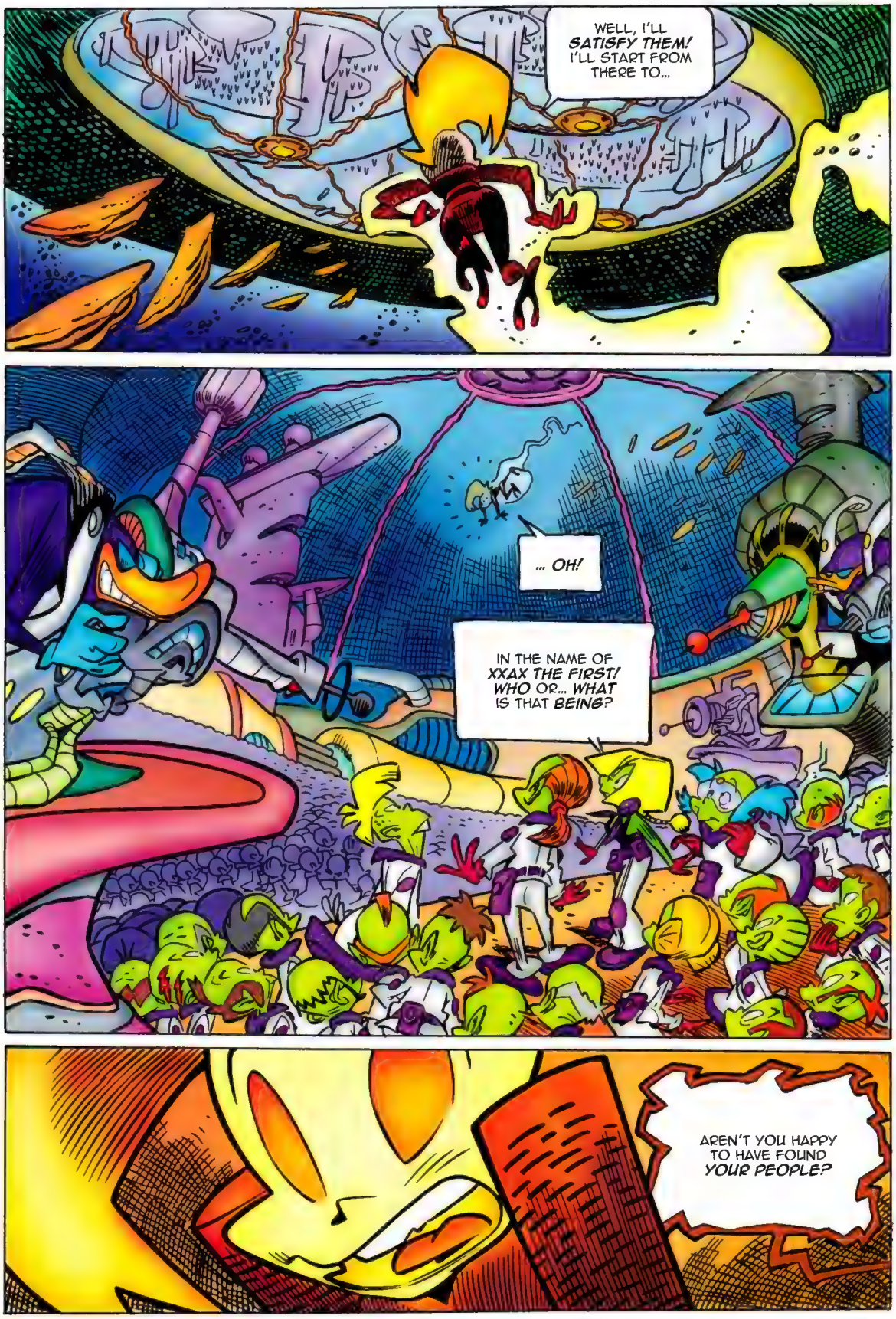
IN THE PAST, THE CONTAINMENT FACTOR HAS PROVEN TO BE USEFUL AGAINST XADHOOM!
WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT! SOMEONE HAS MISTAKEN ME FOR A TARGET!
BUT TARGETS AREN'T ABLE TO DISPERSE THEIR MOLECULES!
BATTLESHIP SGYAPHOOTON, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU HIT US!
THE FORCE FIELD IS BLOCKING OUR ENGINES! WE'RE UNABLE TO MANEUVER!
ARE YOU HAVING DIFFICULTIES? DON'T LOSE YOUR COOL!


YOU JUST NEED A GOOD PUSH!
STRIKE! WHAT'S THE NAME OF THAT EARTHLING GAME WITH BALLS AND PINS?
OUR WARM WELCOME IS NOW READY. PROCEED!

TODAY IS AN IMPORTANT PAGE IN THE HISTORY OF EVRON!
TOO BAD NO ONE WILL REMAIN TO WRITE IT!
FALKON TO TACTICAL COMMAND! WHERE IS SHE? SHE DISAPPEARED FROM THE INSTRUMENTS!
SURPRISE! WAS SOMEONE LOOKING FOR ME?
AYEEEEH!
TACTICAL COMMAND TO FALKON! REPEAT, I DON'T...
HEY! THERE'S...
AAAAAGH!

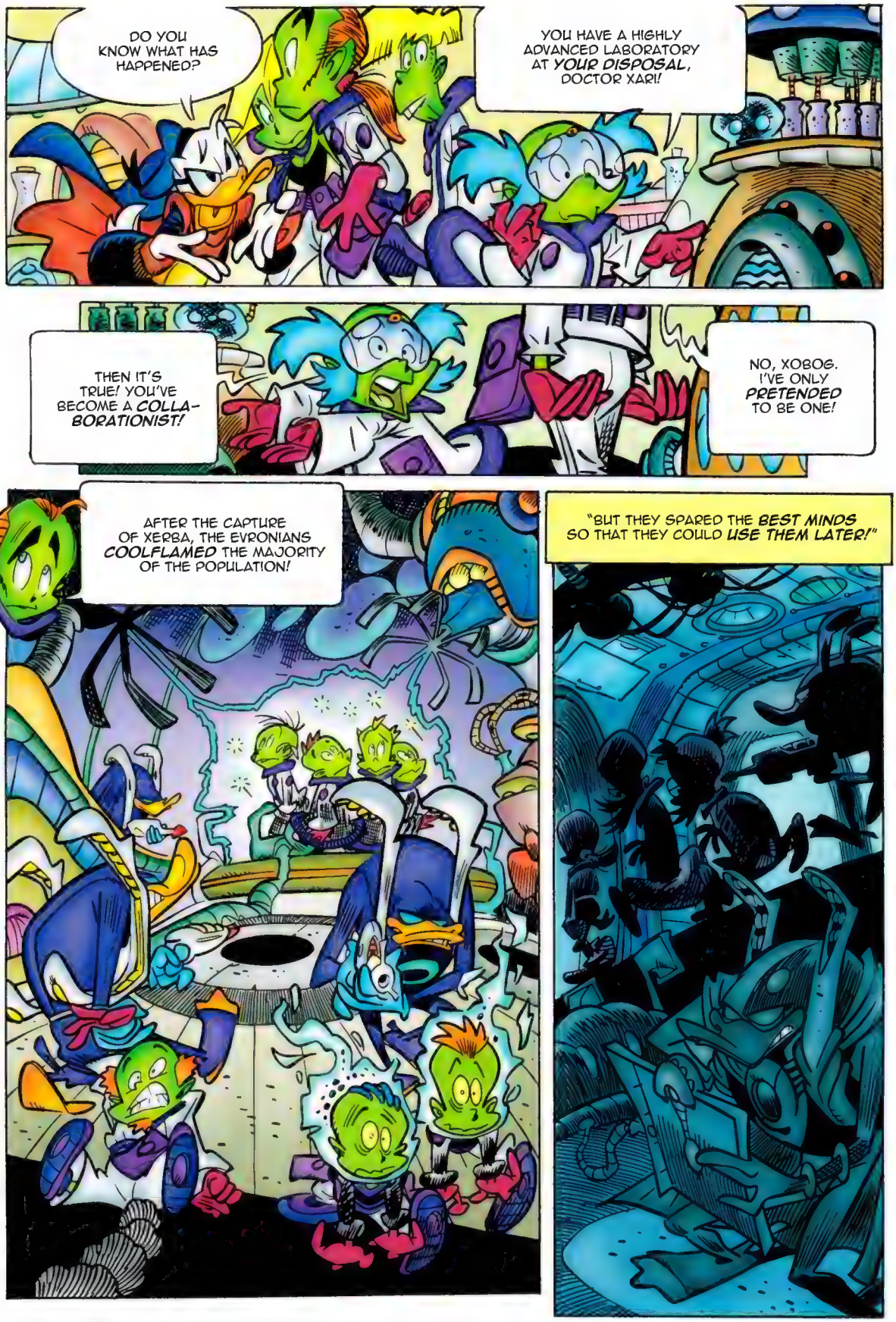
IT'S ALMOST... TOO EASY! I'M STARTING TO GET BORED!
THE MEGARON AREA IS OPERATIONAL, SUPERVISOR!
ORDER ALL FLEETS TO DISENGAGE!
CONTROL TO ALL UNITS...
... RETURN TO YOUR ASSIGNED POSITIONS!
PHEEEW! JUST IN TIME!
RETREATING? PERHAPS THEY WANT TO LURE ME FAR AWAY FROM HERE!
BUT I'M NOT PLAYING THEIR GAME! I'LL DEAL WITH THE SURVIVING SHIPS LATER!

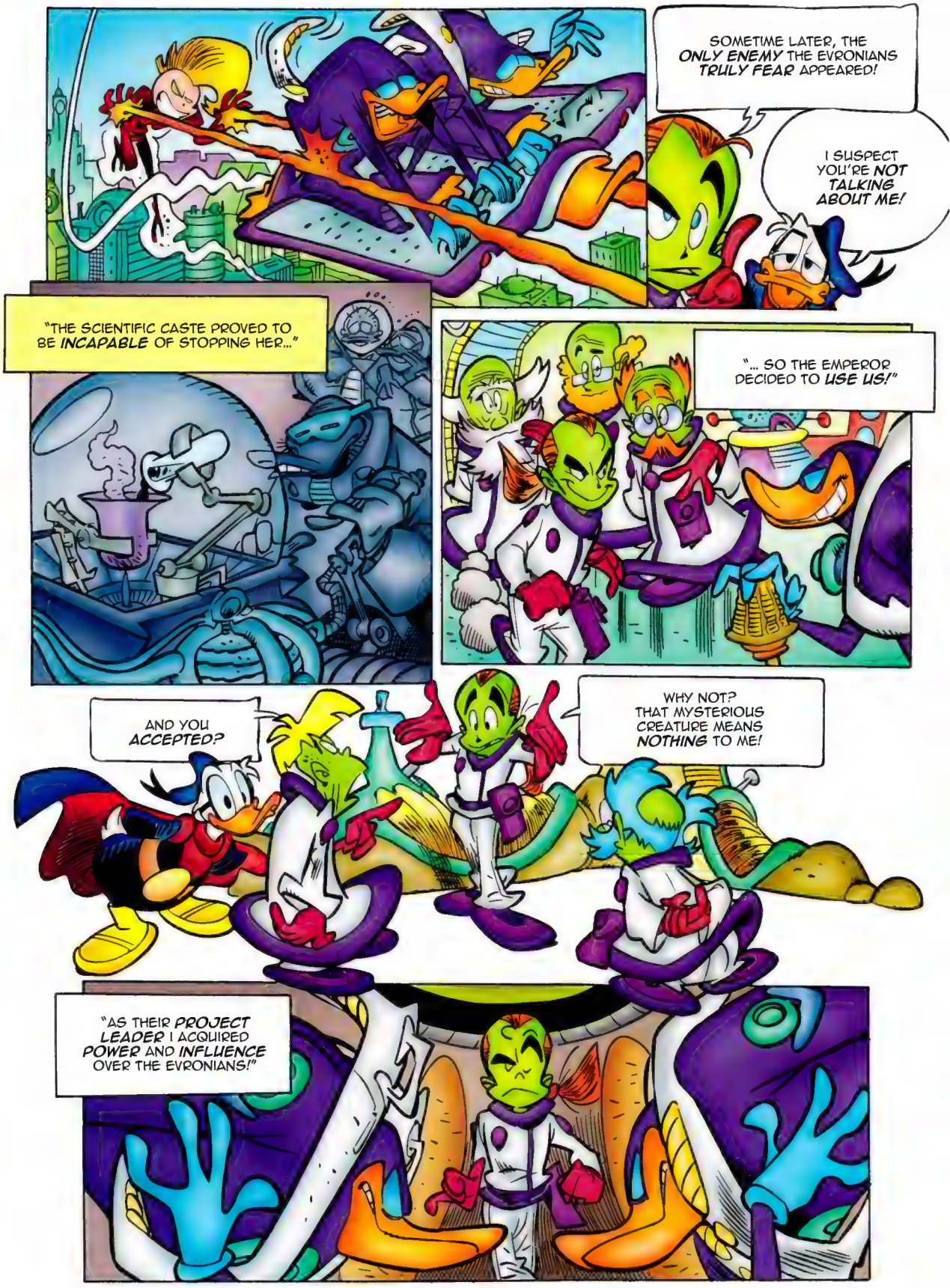
NOW I'LL DEVOTE MYSELF TO MY *MAIN OBJECTIVE!*
WHAT THE...
THE PLANETOID'S SURFACE WAS SUDDENLY COMPLETELY *OBSCURED!*
SEEMS LIKE THE EVRONIANS ARE TRYING TO DRAW MY ATTENTION *TO IT!*
EXCEPT FOR THAT *CENTRAL ZONE!*


WELL, I'LL SATISFY THEM! I'LL START FROM THERE TO...
... OH!
IN THE NAME OF XXAX THE FIRST! WHO OR... WHAT IS THAT BEING?
AREN'T YOU HAPPY TO HAVE FOUND YOUR PEOPLE?

CONGRATULATIONS, A VERY PROM RESPONSE! BUT BLUFFING IS NOT GOING TO HELP YOU!
MY WHAT, EVRONIAN?
AN ELEMENTARY PHYSIOGNOMIC COMPARISON HAS ALREADY LONG AGO REVEALED THAT YOU'RE A XERBIAN!
MUTANT, I WOULD SAY. BUT YOU SHOULD STILL BE HAPPY TO SEE YOUR ALMOST-KINSMEN AGAIN!
FOR A LONG TIME I'VE BELIEVED I WAS THE LAST ONE LEFT!
REALLY? IF THAT'S THE CASE, I DON'T WANT TO CONTRADICT YOU!
THOSE CURVATURE CANONS ARE JUST WAITING FOR MY ORDER TO ERASE THE XERBIAN RACE FROM THE UNIVERSE!

ERASE? THEN YOU'LL GO AHEAD OF THEM!
DON'T STRAIN YOURSELF SO NEEDLESSLY! I'M NOT PHYSICALLY HERE!
THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO SAVE THEIR SUPERFLUOUS EXISTENCES!
EXCEPT OF COURSE TO UNCONDITIONALLY SURRENDER TO ME!
NO! I WENT TO HAVE TEA WITH THE EVRONIAN MILITARY STAFF!
ARE YOU STILL HERE, EARTHLING?


DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED?
YOU HAVE A HIGHLY ADVANCED LABORATORY AT YOUR DISPOSAL, DOCTOR XARI!
THEN IT'S TRUE! YOU'VE BECOME A COLLA-BORATIONIST!
NO, XOBOS. I'VE ONLY PRETENDED TO BE ONE!
AFTER THE CAPTURE OF XERBA, THE EVRONIANS COOLFLAMED THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION!
"BUT THEY SPARED THE BEST MINDS SO THAT THEY COULD USE THEM LATER!"

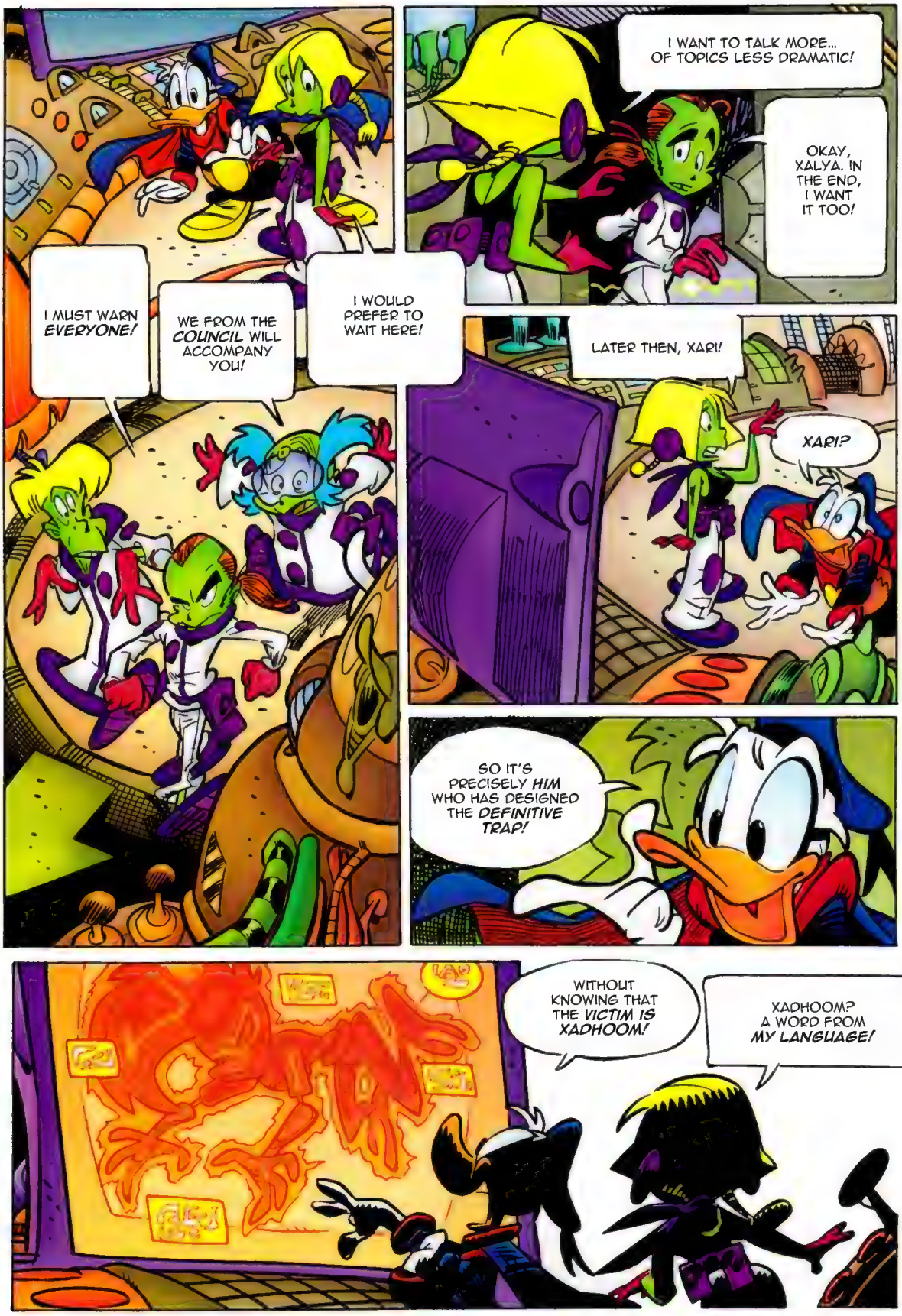

SOMETIME LATER, THE ONLY ENEMY THE EVRONIANS TRULY FEAR APPEARED!
I SUSPECT YOU'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ME!
"THE SCIENTIFIC CASTE PROVED TO BE INCAPABLE OF STOPPING HER..."
"... SO THE EMPEROR DECIDED TO USE US!"
AND YOU ACCEPTED?
WHY NOT? THAT MYSTERIOUS CREATURE MEANS NOTHING TO ME!
"AS THEIR PROJECT LEADER I ACQUIRED POWER AND INFLUENCE OVER THE EVRONIANS!"

AND SINCE THEN, I'VE TRIED TO KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THE SURVIVORS OF XERBA!
WITH THESE INSTRUMENTS I WAS ABLE TO FOLLOW YOUR WANDERINGS WITHOUT EVRON KNOWING!
BUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW THAT THEY'VE CAPTURED THE CREATURE?
THEY'LL CONFINE IT IN THE DEVICE I HAVE DESIGNED FOR THEM...
"... THE ENTHROPIOTRON!"
FINALLY I CAN PERSONALLY MEET THE ENEMY OF THE EMPIRE!
DISMISS THESE TERRIFIED SOLDIERS, EVRONIAN. I CAN'T HARM YOU!

AT LEAST NOT AS LONG AS YOU HAVE AN ENTIRE SPECIES *HOSTAGE!*
SOON YOU'LL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO DO IT *ANYWAYS!*
LET'S NOT WASTE ANY MORE TIME. *STEP INSIDE!*
IT'S POINTLESS TO ASK WHAT AWAITS ME IN HERE, RIGHT?
I'D SAY THAT'S *OBVIOUS!* AS WELL AS THE *ANSWER!*
BUT I THINK YOU'LL FIND IT MORE *INTERESTING* THAN EXPECTED!
COME, SUBLIME LORD! IT WOULDN'T BE *HEALTHY* TO STAY HERE WHILE THE DEVICE STARTS WORKING!
I KNOW, *LOWLIFE!* BUT TODAY I FEEL SO MAGNANIMOUS THAT I'LL FORGIVE YOU FOR REMINDING ME!

MWHWMMWHWMWHWMWHW
RAADAAAGGH
SO? IS IT WORKING?
WE HAVE TO CALIBRATE IT, IMMENSE ONE! FOR OBVIOUS REASON, THE ENTHROPIOTRON HAS NEVER BEEN TESTED!
BUT THEORETICALLY IT CAN'T FAIL!
IT'S BEEN DESIGNED TO DISORGANIZE ENERGY UP TO ENTROPIC LEVELS!
ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED, THE ENERGY DEGRADATION...
I KNOW BETTER THAN YOU, BRANCH CHIEF SEKKYON!
ONCE THE FINAL REACTION IS TRIGGERED, THE DECAY OF THE EMISSION WILL ALLOW US TO...

... ELIMINATE THE CREATURE?
NO! IT WOULD BE AN INCONCEIVABLE WASTE FROM THE EVRONIANS' POINT OF VIEW.
THE ENTHROPIOTRON SERVES TO MAKE IT THE FULCRUM OF A LIMITED EXPLOSION, ETERNAL AND PERMANENT!
SO THE EX-ENEMY WILL BECOME AN INEXHAUSTIBLE SPRING FOR EVRON'S THIRST OF ENERGY!
HOW TERRIFYING!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT BEING POSSESSES SUCH POWER!
YET IT'S TRUE. LOOK AT ITS ERGOENDOGENOUS SCHEME!
OH!
AMAZING!
NOW THAT THE EMPEROR HAS REALIZED HIS PLAN, A MORE IMMEDIATE THREAT IS HANGING OVER US!


I MUST WARN EVERYONE!
WE FROM THE COUNCIL WILL ACCOMPANY YOU!
I WOULD PREFER TO WAIT HERE!
I WANT TO TALK MORE... OF TOPICS LESS DRAMATIC!
OKAY, XALYA. IN THE END, I WANT IT TOO!
LATER THEN, XARI!
XARI?
SO IT'S PRECISELY HIM WHO HAS DESIGNED THE DEFINITIVE TRAP!
WITHOUT KNOWING THAT THE VICTIM IS XADHOOM!
XADHOOM? A WORD FROM MY LANGUAGE!

YEAH! BECAUSE EVEN THE... CREATURE IS A XERBIAN!
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
IT'S A LONG STORY. SHE HERSELF TOLD ME THE STORY A FEW YEARS AGO, ON MY PLANET...
THE DUCK AVENGER EXPLAINS, AND...
DOCTOR XADO! TRANSFORMED INTO A SUPER-BEING!
FOR WHAT IT SERVED HER...
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! ON XERBA, SHE AND XARI WERE INSEPARABLE!
SO I COULD ONLY ADMIRE HIM FROM AFAR! I HAD HOPED THAT NOW...
YOU MEAN THAT...
BUT SHE'S ALSO HERE! AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!

FUTILE? IN WHAT SENSE, DOCTOR XARI?
NOW THAT THE CREATURE IS IMPRISONED IN THE ENTHROPIOTRON, THE EMPEROR NO LONGER HAS NEED OF OUR INTELLECT!
SO WHAT?
WHAT CAN HAPPEN TO US THAT'S WORSE THAN THIS PRISON?
OH, THERE'S PLENTY OF THINGS... BUT WE'LL PROBABLY BE COOLFLAMED IN MASSES!
THAT DOESN'T SEEM VERY...
WAIT. WE DON'T WANT TO UNDERVALUE YOUR WARNING, XARI!
THE FACT IS THAT WE KNOW HOW TO REVERSE THE PROCESS OF COOLFLAMING!
WHAT? HOW DID YOU DO IT?
WHILE FLEEING FROM XERBA, WE MANAGED TO SAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO WERE HIT BY THE EVRONIAN WEAPONS!

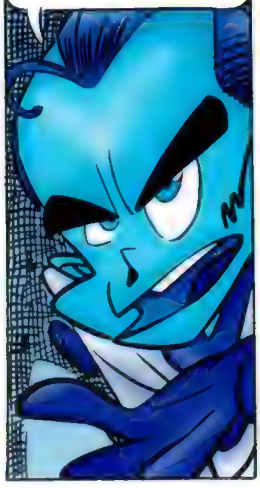
"WE'VE STUDIED FOR A LONG TIME TO DETERMINE HOW TO *DECONDITION THEM!*"

"A *COMPLEX* ANALYSIS LED US TO CREATING THE *RELIEF CELLS!*"

THE SYSTEM IS STILL *EXPERIMENTAL*, BUT WE DON'T FEAR THE DANGER ANYMORE...

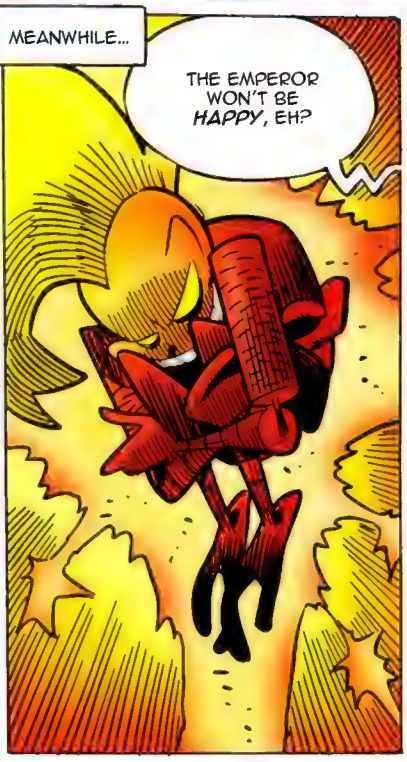
SAY NO MORE! WE MUST KEEP THE SECRET *ABSOLUTE!*

I'M HAPPY WITH THESE NEWS, BUT IF THE EMPEROR GETS THE WIND OF IT, HE WILL TAKE MORE *DRASTIC* MEASURES!

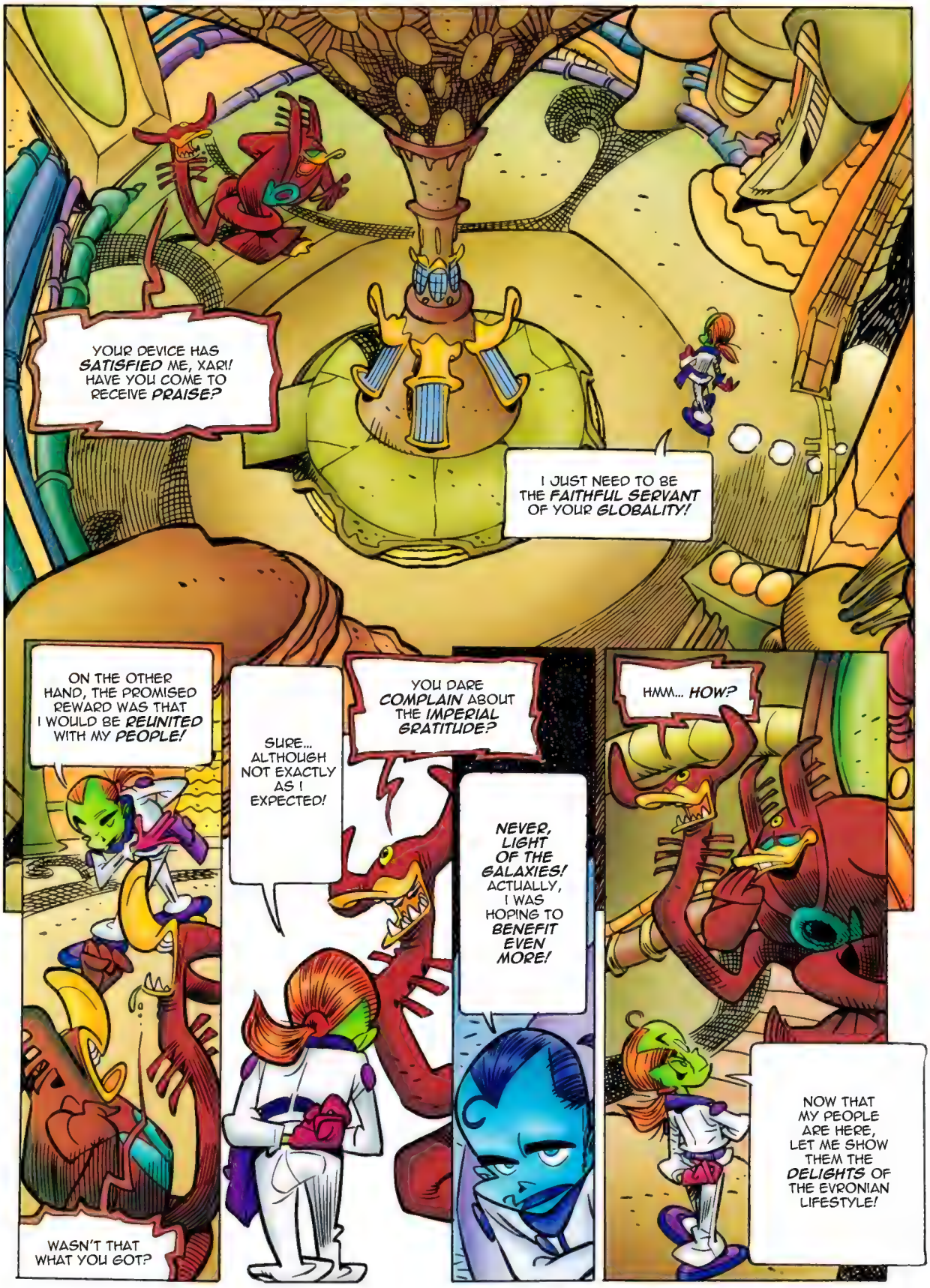


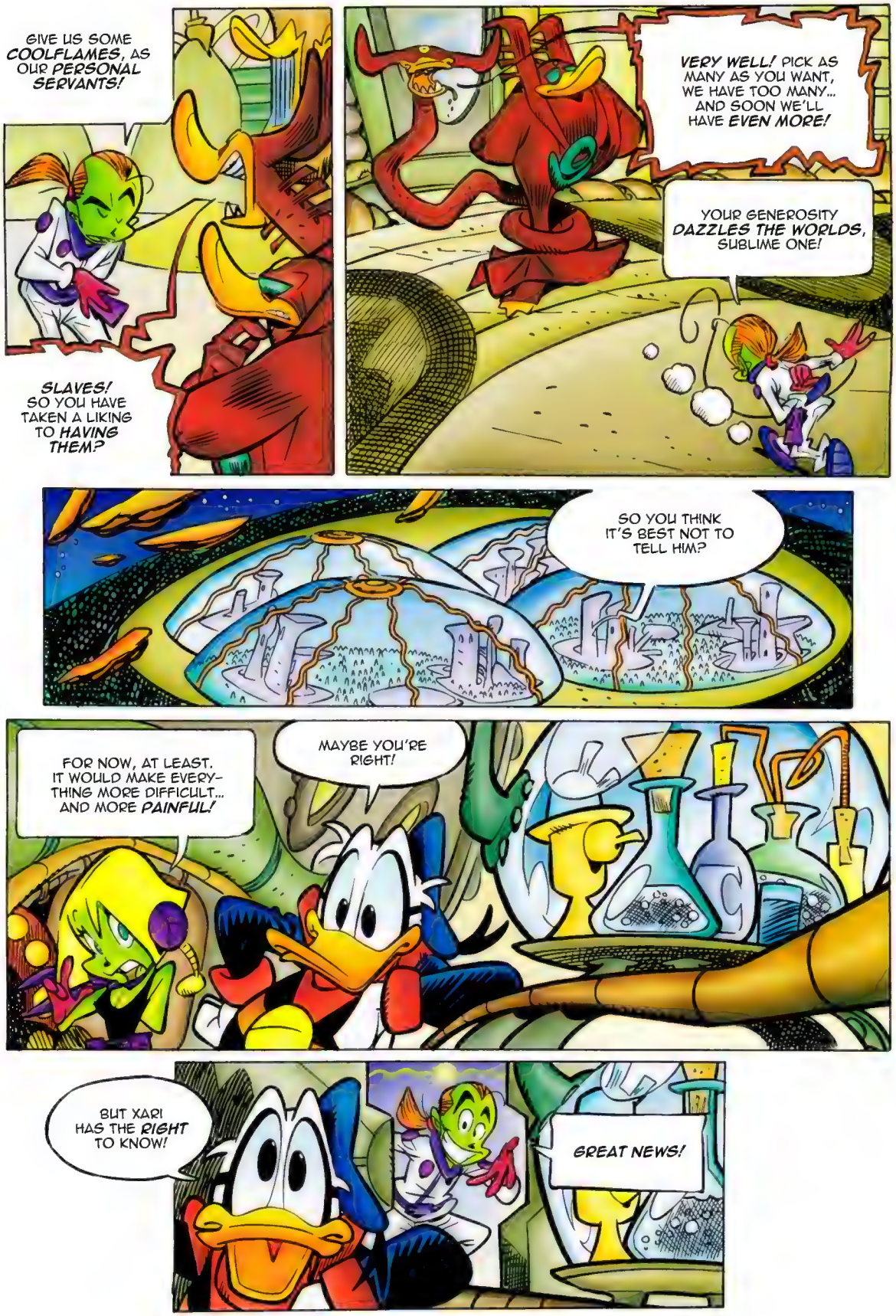
MEANWHILE...

THE EMPEROR WON'T BE *HAPPY*, EH?



IF HE'S KIND HE'LL DISINTEGRATE AND ANNIHILATE OUR MOLECULES ONE BY ONE!
BUT IT'S NOT OUR FAULT IF WE CAN'T TRIGGER THE REACTION!
PERHAPS WE DIDN'T PROPERLY REGULATE THE SUBATOMIC BOMBARDMENT SYSTEM!
LET'S TRY TO RESET IT FROM SCRATCH!
IT WILL BE A HARD JOB! AND IF IT'S NOT ENOUGH?
WE'LL ASK OUR ESTEEMED PROJECT LEADER! IN THE END, IT'S HIS RESPONSIBILITY!
PROJECT LEADER XARI, YOUR EXQUISITE FEROCITY!


YOUR DEVICE HAS SATISFIED ME, XAR! HAVE YOU COME TO RECEIVE PRAISE?
I JUST NEED TO BE THE FAITHFUL SERVANT OF YOUR GLOBALITY!
ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PROMISED REWARD WAS THAT I WOULD BE REUNITED WITH MY PEOPLE!
SURE... ALTHOUGH NOT EXACTLY AS I EXPECTED!
YOU DARE COMPLAIN ABOUT THE IMPERIAL GRATITUDE?
NEVER, LIGHT OF THE GALAXIES! ACTUALLY, I WAS HOPING TO BENEFIT EVEN MORE!
HMM... HOW?
NOW THAT MY PEOPLE ARE HERE, LET ME SHOW THEM THE DELIGHTS OF THE EVRONIAN LIFESTYLE!
WASN'T THAT WHAT YOU GOT?


GIVE US SOME COOLFLAMES, AS OUR PERSONAL SERVANTS!
SLAVES! SO YOU HAVE TAKEN A LIKING TO HAVING THEM?
VERY WELL! PICK AS MANY AS YOU WANT, WE HAVE TOO MANY... AND SOON WE'LL HAVE EVEN MORE!
YOUR GENEROSITY DAZZLES THE WORLDS, SUBLIME ONE!
SO YOU THINK IT'S BEST NOT TO TELL HIM?
FOR NOW, AT LEAST. IT WOULD MAKE EVERY-THING MORE DIFFICULT... AND MORE PAINFUL!
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT!
BUT XARI HAS THE RIGHT TO KNOW!
GREAT NEWS!

GREAT AND GOOD OR *GREAT AND CATASTROPHIC?*
EXCELLENT! WE HAVE A *HOPE FOR SALVATION!*
FOR DOING *WHAT?* WANT TO EXPLAIN?
YOUR EXPERIENCE AND THEIR SKILLS WILL BE USEFUL!
IN THE COOLFLAME DATABASE I'LL FIND THE *SUITABLE ELEMENTS!*
I'LL DO IT BEFORE THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF XERBA! *I'LL TAKE YOU TO THEM!*
I HAVE TO COME UP WITH A WAY TO DO IT WITHOUT THE EVRONIANS FINDING OUT!
IF THAT'S IT, *THERE'S NO PROBLEM!*
TLAK

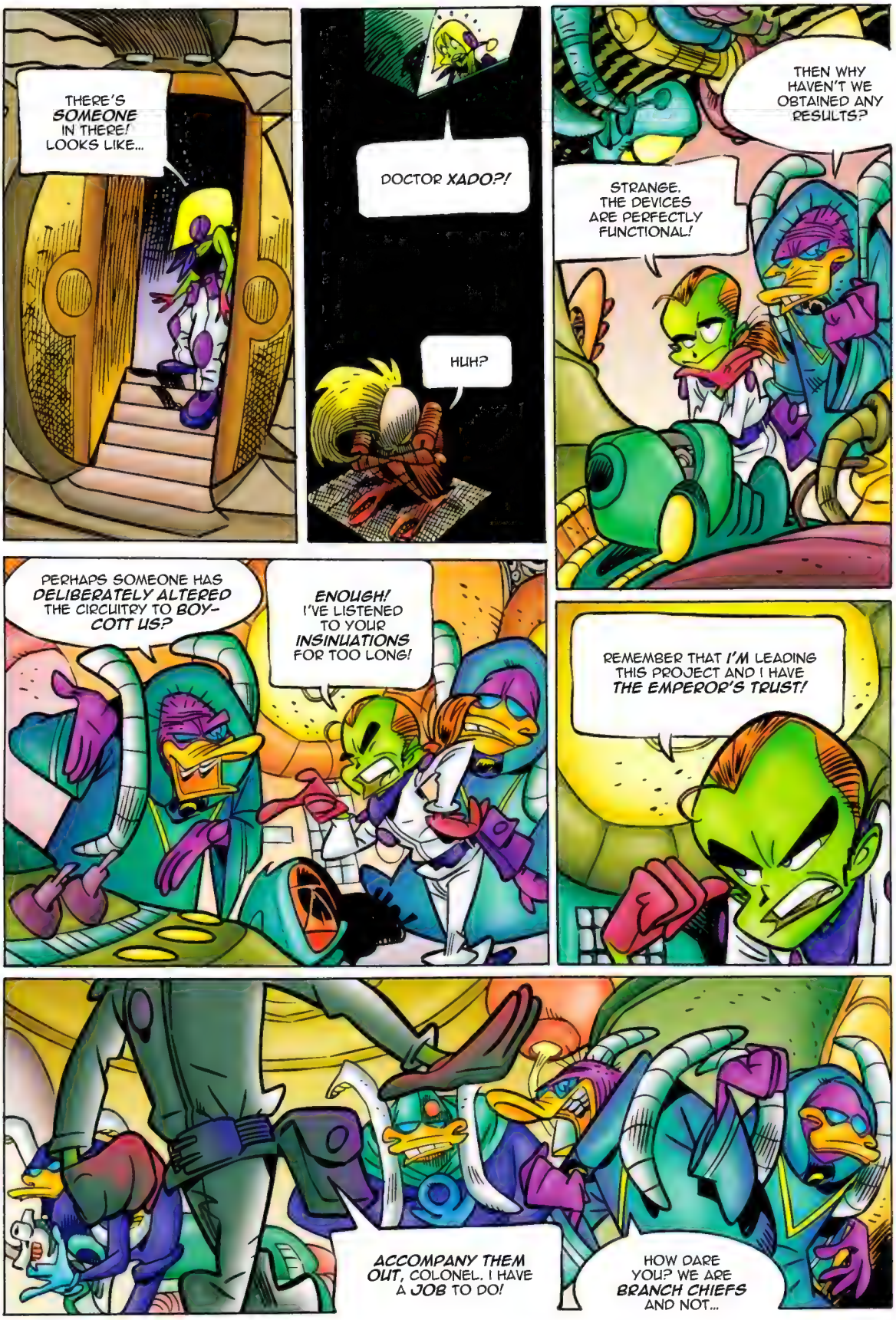
CAN YOU GET ME A COOLFLAME UNIFORM?
OF COURSE! I'LL GET YOU ONE RIGHT AWAY!
YOU'RE GOING AGAIN?
I WAS HOPING WE'D HAVE TIME TO...
VRRRRR
LATER, XALYA!
EEEH? WHO DOES THIS HERD BELONG TO?
ME. THESE ARE COOLFLAMES AND BASIC PROVISIONS FOR THE XERBIAN AREA OF CUSTODY!
DO YOU HAVE AUTHORIZATION FOR TRANSFERRING, DOCTOR XARI?

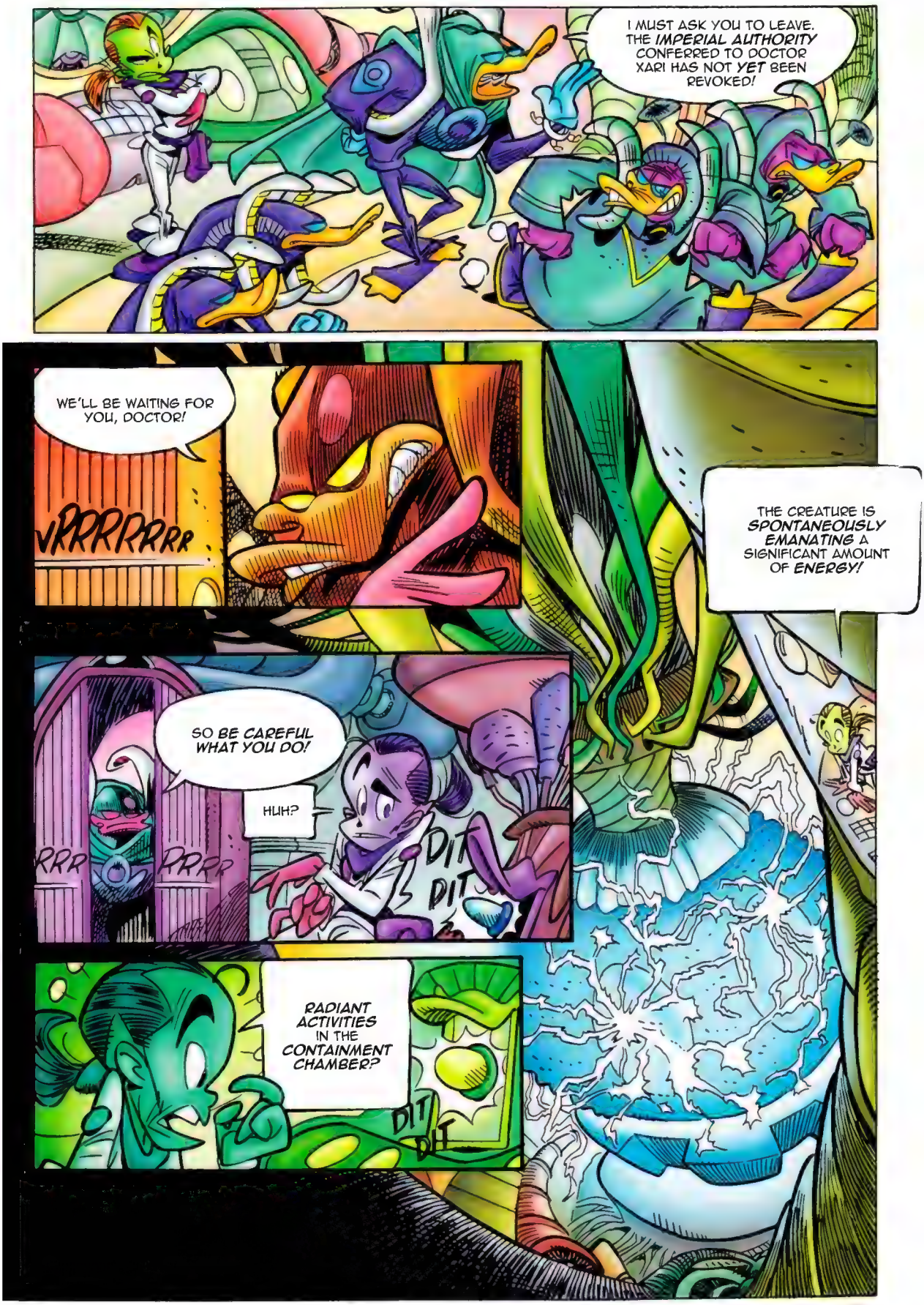
OF COURSE. FROM THE EMPEROR HIMSELF!
IF YOU'D ALLOW, I'LL CHECK IT!
INCREDIBLE! IT'S TRUE!
ALL THOSE COOLFLAMES FOR THE PRISONERS?
IT'S NOT FAIR! FOR TWO YEARS I'VE ASKED FOR HOUSECLEANING AND BEEN DENIED IT!
HE HE! PERHAPS THESE SERVE TO SHOW THE XERBIANS WHAT AWAITS THEM!
WELCOME BACK!
I BROUGHT THE COMPONENTS FOR THE "CELLS" THE EVRONIANS RECOVERED!
AND THESE COOLFLAMES ARE SCIENTISTS AND LEADERS OF THE ANTI-EVRONIAN RESISTANCE FROM CONQUERED WORLDS!
WE'LL DECOOLFLAME THEM IMMEDIATELY! THEY'LL BE OF GREAT HELP!

LET'S START WITH THIS ONE! HE SEEM MORE AFFECTED THAN THE OTHERS!
AND YOU LOOK SO MUCH AWAKE?
HA HA! THE DUCK AVENGER IS OUR TERRESTRIAL ALLY!
WITH A SMALL INVENTION FROM MY PLANET!
CLIK
YOU USE IT TO MAKE THE GUARDS BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING'S IN ORDER!
OH! WE'LL DUPLICATE IT!
CLIK
AND WITH THIS MATERIAL WE'LL BUILD A LONG-RANGE RELIEF DIFFUSOR!
IT WILL ALLOW US TO AWAKEN ALL THE SLAVES ON THIS PLANETOID!
IT WILL TAKE MUCH ENERGY TO USE IT!

WE THOUGHT WE COULD GET IT FROM THE GENERAL NETWORK!
THE EVRONIANS WILL QUICKLY LOCATE THE FLOW DECREASE!
WE'LL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER POWER SOURCE!
DOCTOR XARI!
COLONEL BROOSKON! WHAT DO YOU WANT?
YOU! THE EMPEROR ORDERS YOU TO IMMEDIATELY GET TO THE ENTHROPIOTRON!
I'M COMING. HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED?
TLAK
NO QUESTIONS!
YOU'LL KNOW WHAT YOU'RE NEEDED FOR IN DUE TIME! LET'S GO!

WE HAVE RECALIBRATED AND RESET IT! ALL OF IT WAS *USELESS!*
THERE'S NO WAY TO TRIGGER THE REACTION!
WHY IS THE ENTHROPIOTRON *TURNED OFF?*
BECAUSE *IT DOESN'T WORK,* EGREGIOUS COLLEAGUE!
PERHAPS THE PROBLEM'S IN THE *PROJECT!*
OR IN YOUR *INCOMPETENCE!* LET ME CHECK!
GO AHEAD, DOCTOR!
WHAT A *FRIGHTENING* PLACE!

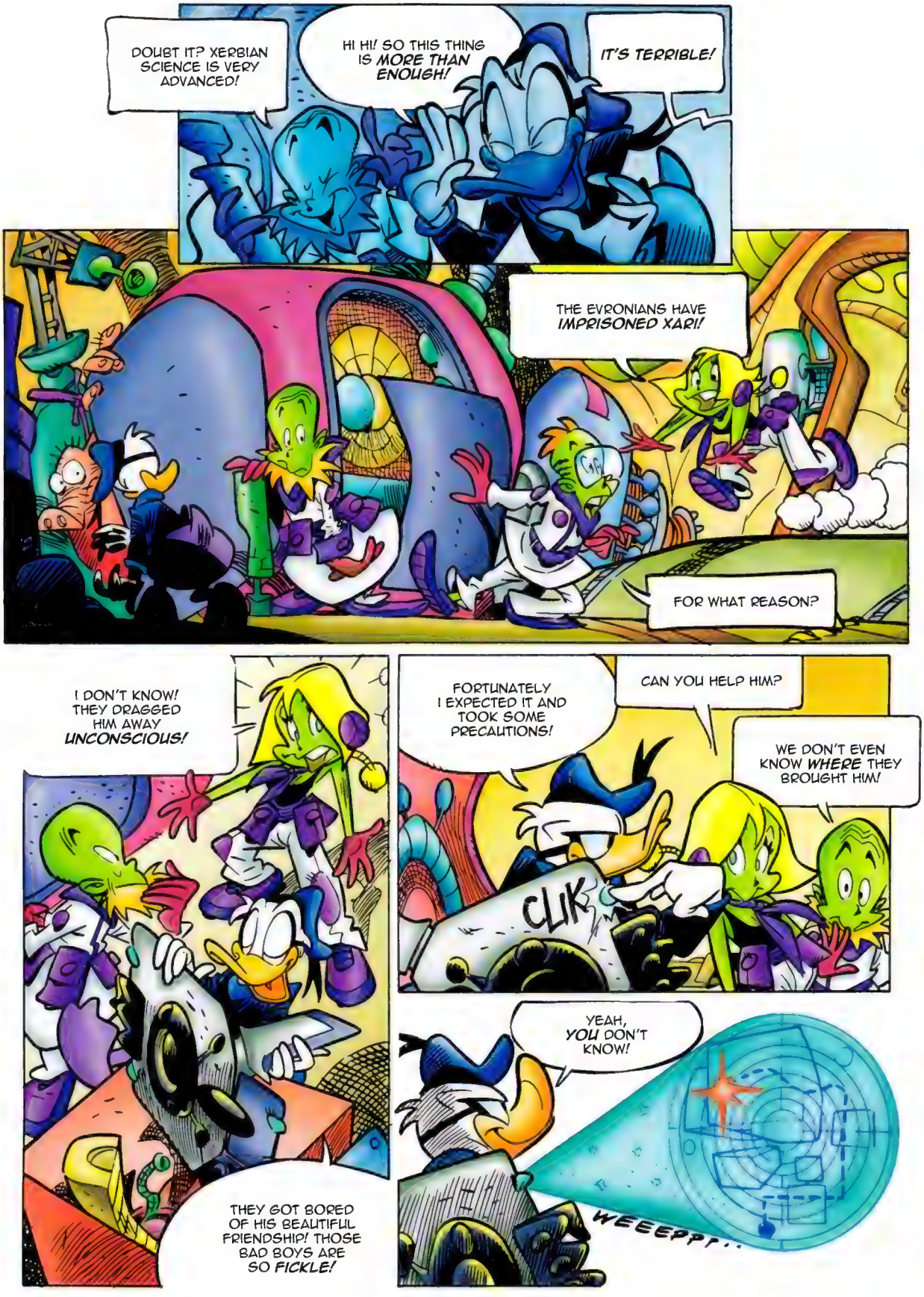

THERE'S SOMEONE IN THERE! LOOKS LIKE...
DOCTOR XADO?!
HUH?
THEN WHY HAVEN'T WE OBTAINED ANY RESULTS?
STRANGE. THE DEVICES ARE PERFECTLY FUNCTIONAL!
PERHAPS SOMEONE HAS DELIBERATELY ALTERED THE CIRCUITRY TO BOY-COTT US?
ENOUGH! I'VE LISTENED TO YOUR INSINUATIONS FOR TOO LONG!
REMEMBER THAT I'M LEADING THIS PROJECT AND I HAVE THE EMPEROR'S TRUST!
ACCOMPANY THEM OUT, COLONEL. I HAVE A JOB TO DO!
HOW DARE YOU? WE ARE BRANCH CHIEFS AND NOT...


I MUST ASK YOU TO LEAVE. THE IMPERIAL AUTHORITY CONFERRED TO DOCTOR XARI HAS NOT YET BEEN REVOKED!
WE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU, DOCTOR!
VRRRRRRR
THE CREATURE IS SPONTANEOUSLY EMANATING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF ENERGY!
SO BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU DO!
HUH?
RRR
RRR
DIT
DIT
RADIANT ACTIVITIES IN THE CONTAINMENT CHAMBER?
DIT

ENERGY OUTSIDE THE PROGRAM... EXACTLY WHAT I NEED!
WHAT IS HE DOING IN THERE?
DON'T YOU SEE THE READINGS? HE HAS CONDEMNED HIMSELF!
HIS INEFFABLE FEROCITY WILL BE DELIGHTED TO KNOW!
THE EMISSION STOPPED!
DOESN'T MATTER. I'VE STORED A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT.
YOU'VE DISAPPOINTED ME, XAR!

YOU'VE COLLECTED THE ENERGY OF THE *ENEMY* AND CONVEYED IT TO AN *UNKNOWN* DESTINATION!
RRR
RR
DON'T WASTE YOUR BREATH. *IT WON'T SAVE YOU!*
IN WHAT WAY, YOUR *TOTAL TOTA-LITY?*
JUST TO *STUDY IT*, SUBLIME LORD!
ZIP
REALLY? WILL THIS MAKE THE ENTHROPIOTRON WORK?
ZIP
I HOPE SO! I WILL EXAMINE THE PROBLEM THOROUGHLY AND...
OH, I'M *CONVINCED!*
BECAUSE WE'LL *HELP YOU!*
WHAT? I DON'T...

SQUEEZING THE BRAINS OF OTHERS IS OUR SPECIALTY!
VRRAAAK!
HARGH!
YOU DISCOVERED HIS TREACHERY, SEKKYON! YOU'RE THE NEW PROJECT LEADER!
HE HE! THANK YOU, TREMENDOUS SUAVITY!
BRING ME RESULTS... OR I'LL START THINKING THAT XARI'S DISLOYALTY IS CONTAGIOUS!
OH NO!
THE DIFFUSOR IS AT A GOOD POINT!
THANKS TO THE HELP OF FELLOW DECONDITIONED PEOPLE!
THIS THING SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR ALL THE COOLFLAMES OF EVRON?


DOUBT IT? XERBIAN SCIENCE IS VERY ADVANCED!
HI HI! SO THIS THING IS MORE THAN ENOUGH!
IT'S TERRIBLE!
THE EVRONIANS HAVE IMPRISONED XARI!
FOR WHAT REASON?
I DON'T KNOW! THEY DRAGGED HIM AWAY UNCONSCIOUS!
FORTUNATELY I EXPECTED IT AND TOOK SOME PRECAUTIONS!
CAN YOU HELP HIM?
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THEY BROUGHT HIM!
CLIK
YEAH, YOU DON'T KNOW!
THEY GOT BORED OF HIS BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP! THOSE BAD BOYS ARE SO FICKLE!
WEEEPPP...

OOOH...
SLEPT WELL, DOCTOR?
YOU MUST BE IN SHAPE FOR TREATMENT WITH THE EVRONVAAC!
WHAT?
DON'T YOU KNOW? IT'S BASED ON THE SAME PRINCIPLE OF THE EVRON-GUN!
ONLY THAT INSTEAD OF EMOTIONAL ENERGY, IT COMPLETELY SUCKS UP MEMORY!
BY ANALYZING IT, WE'LL UNDERSTAND HOW YOU SABOTAGED THE ENTHROPIOTRON!
I HOPE THEY HURRY TO COME AND GET IT!

IN THE MEANTIME, TELL ME AGAIN ABOUT YOUR SHIFT ON EARTH!
AN ATROCIOUS EXPERIENCE! I'VE NEVER TAKEN SO MANY YEARS OF HONORABLE SERVICE!
THAT DUCK AVENGER ALWAYS JUMPED OUT! A REAL BAD HELLION!
UH OH! I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT THERE WERE GUARDS!
WHAT DOES HE LOOK LIKE?
LIKE AN AUTHENTIC ALIEN, WITH A HORRENDOUS SNOUT!
HE LOOKS JUST LIKE THIS COOLFLAME!
HAVE TO PRETEND TO BE STUPID!
HI HI! THANKS, MASTER!
EEEH? SINCE WHEN COULD COOL-FLAMES TALK?
SINCE NOW! AND FIGHT, TOO!
SMASH
OUCH!
DUCK AVENGER!

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! IT'S ONE OF MY HALLUCINATIONS FROM WAR NEUROSES!
YOU'RE RIGHT. IF YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES, I'LL DISAPPEAR...
... WITH YOUR PRISONER!
ZZZIIIWWWNG
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! HOW DO YOU OPEN THIS CASE?
THE CARD IS ON THE CONSOLE!
WHAT POINT IS THE DIFFUSOR AT?
Zzzz
IT'S ALMOST READY! WHY?
I FOUND THE ENERGY TO POWER IT! WE MUST TELL THE OTHERS!
IT'S A... GIFT FROM THE CREATURE!
CLANG
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT HER! BUT IT WILL BE BETTER TO DO IT LATER!

CAN YOU HEAR ME, LOSER?
LOSER? AND YOU'D BE THE WINNER?
I WILL BE WHEN YOU'RE JUST GAMMA RAYS!
DON'T COUNT ON IT. I DISTINCTLY FEEL YOUR BEAMS OF COLLAPSING WAVES FURIOUSLY BENT UPON MY CELLS!
IT'S VERY PAINFUL, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO CONVINCE ME TO EXPLODE!
AAARGH!
THANKS. I FEEL MORE AT EASE WITH THIS ON.
WE HAVE TO CONNECT THE DIFFUSOR TO THE GENERAL NETWORK? YOU SAID THAT...
THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED. I'VE CONNECTED THE OUTLETS TO THE ACCUMULATORS IN THIS SECTION!

AND THE ACCUMULATORS ARE SATURATED WITH THE ENERGY OF THE ENTHROPIOTRON'S PRISONER!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? PUSH THE IRRADIATORS UP TO MAXIMUM!
THE PLANT WILL EXPLODE, YOUR FURIOUS GRACE!
DOESN'T MATTER, AS LONG AS THE ENEMY IS FINALLY ANNIHILATED AND ENSLAVED!
AND I DOUBT THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IF WE UNDERESTIMATE HER!
HER POWERS HAVE BEEN METICULOUSLY TESTED AND...
I'M TALKING ABOUT HER INTELLECT! XADHOOM IS A SCIENTIST, LIKE ALL XERBIANS!

I BELIEVE THAT HER KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY TO CONTROL MATTER HAS ALLOWED HER TO CONTAIN THE EFFECTS OF THE ENTHROPIOTRON!
THEN XARI HASN'T SABOOOOF!
WE'LL DO AS YOU COMMAND, SUPREME LORD!
AS SOON AS THE PROJECTOR REACHES THE CHARGE THRESHOLD, WE'LL BOMBARD XADHOOM WITHOUT ANY MERCY!
BOUNCH
CONNECTION COMPLETED! NOW!
TA TAK
IT WORKS!
WHAT THE...
...
UUUURGH!

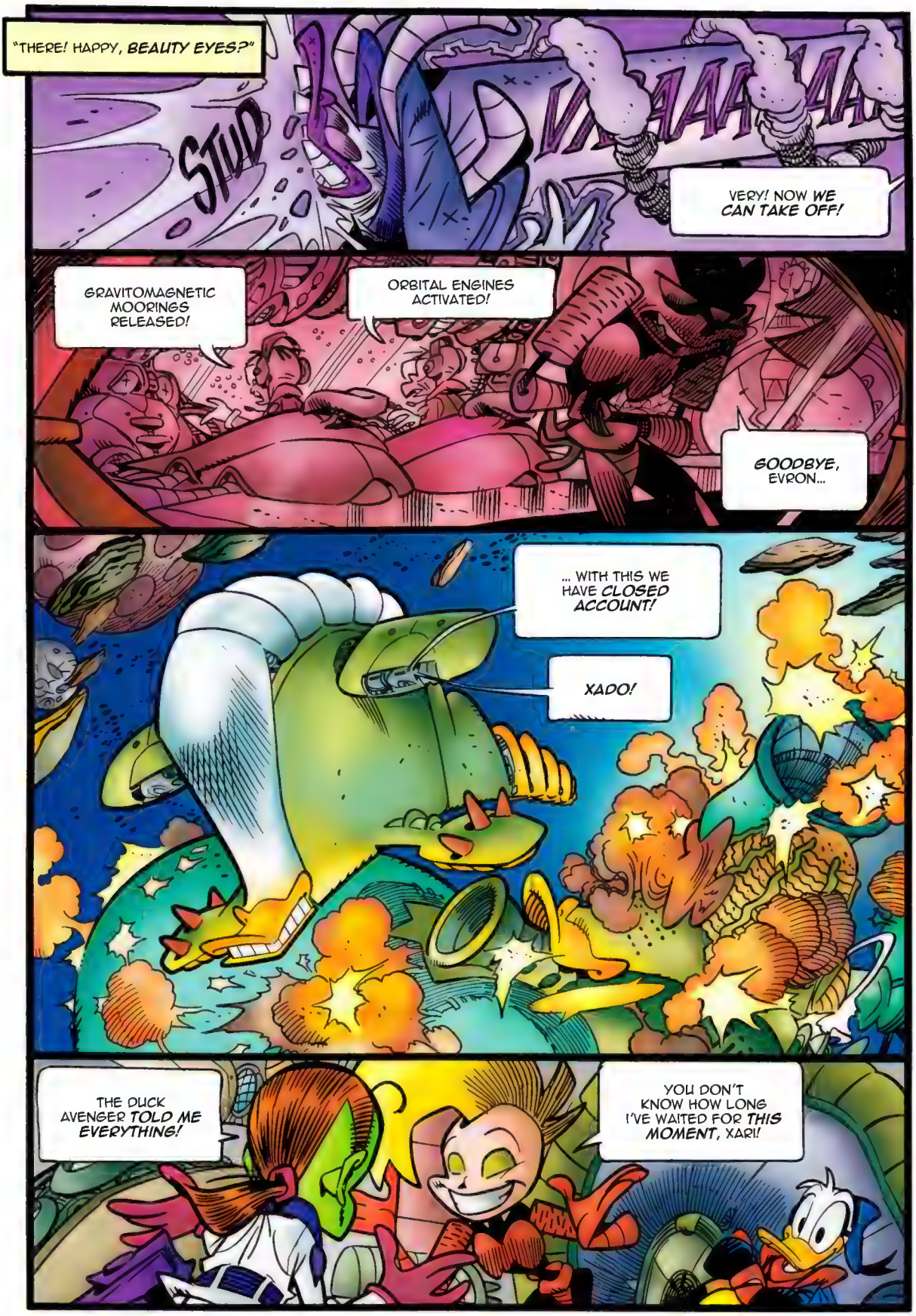
THIS SOUND! IT'S OVER-WHELMING!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE COOLFLAMES!
SKRK
... AAAH!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! SUPREME ONE...
WE ARE FREE!
HUH? THE EVRON-GUN DOESN'T WORK!
THE EFFECT OF THE RELIEF WAVE RENDERS IMMUNITY TO COOLFLAMING!

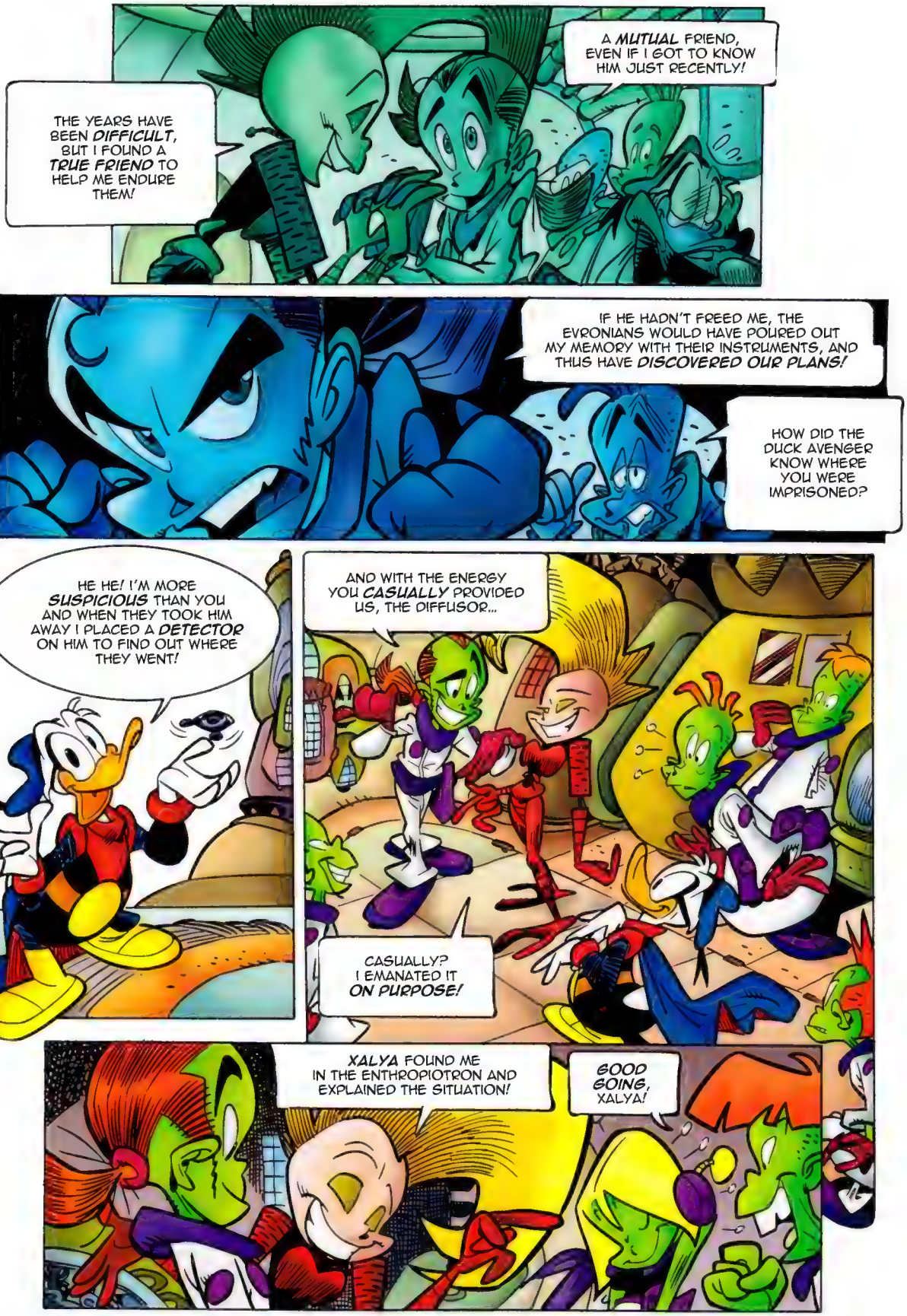
YEEAGH!
REALLY? BUT NOT THE RAYS OF A SYNAPTIC PHASE SHIFTER!
K-THUM
RIGHT! AND NOT EVEN THE GOOD, OLD PUNCHES!
WHERE'S XADHOOM? WE MUST FREE HER TOO!
XADHOOM?
SMASH EVERYTHING!
WHAT?
OH, NO! DON'T EVEN TRY!

I WANT...
... TO DO IT...
... MY-SELF!
KE-RRANG
BACK TO YOUR POST, ABJECT HUMANOID!
YOU THOUGHT I COULDN'T FIGHT? MY TITLE IS NOT PURELY HONORIFIC!
MY SCIENTISTS WILL PUT AN END TO THIS MADNESS!
SURRENDER. THERE'S NO ESCAPE!

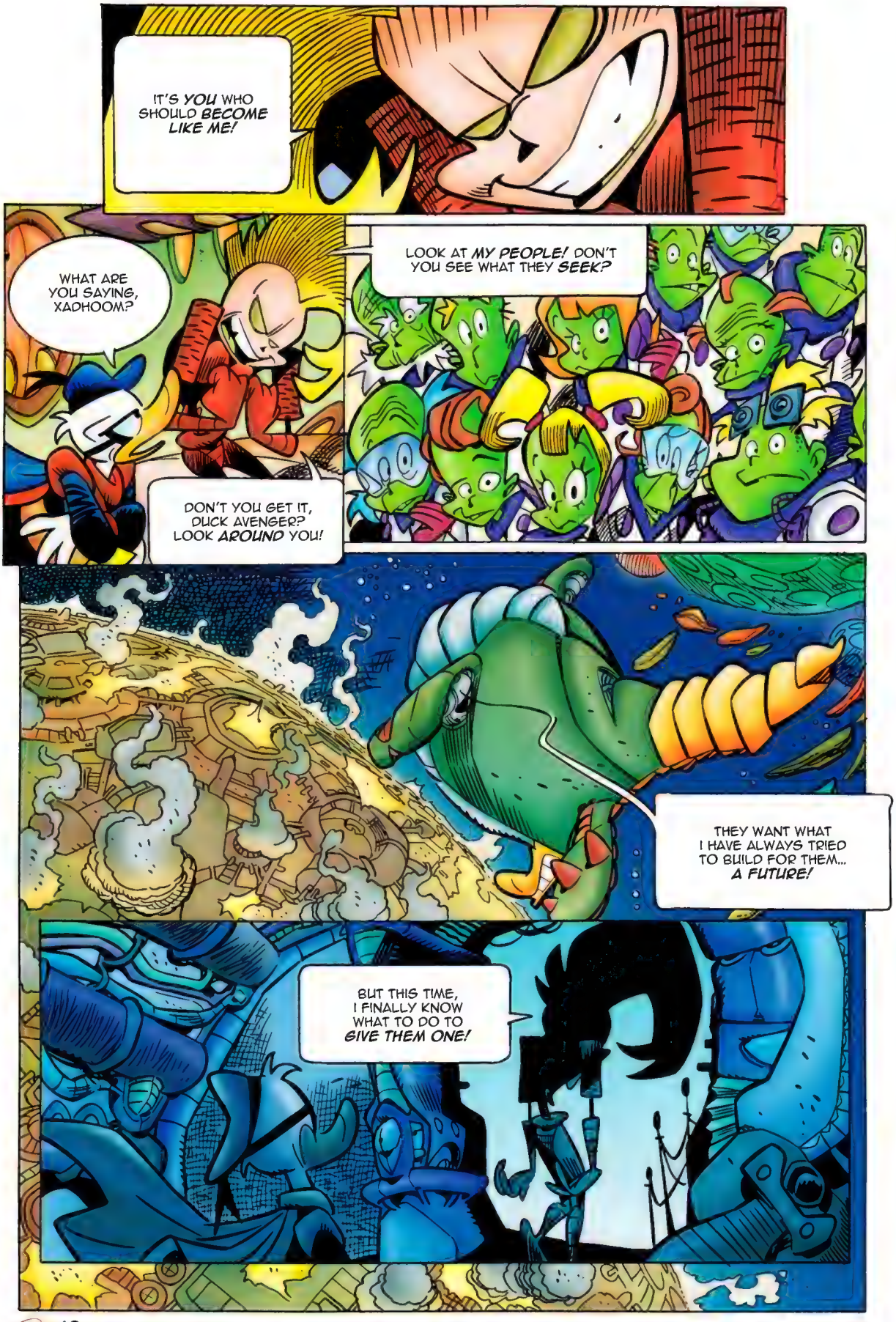
YOU'RE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE CANNON TO SAY SO, YOU SPORE!
YOU'RE NOT COMPLETELY WRONG. LET'S SCATTER BEFORE...
SSIIIIIIIIOMM
KABOUM
MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE, AVENGER?
GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, BEAUTY EYES!
YOU HAVE TO RECONDITION THEM!
WE'VE TRIED, SUBLIME WISDOM, BUT TO NO AVAIL!
FRIENDS, IT'S ONLY THANKS TO THE ENERGY OF THIS ALIEN THAT...
YOU CAN THANK ME LATER!
NOW IT'S BEST TO LEAVE EVRON, AS LONG AS WE CAN!
YOU'RE NOT GONNA STOP TO DESTROY EVERYTHING? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

TRY AGAIN! YOUR FAILURE MAY MEAN THE END OF EVRON!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, WISE ONE AMONG US?
I FEARED THAT ALL OF THIS WOULD HAPPEN! SO I SET UP THE LABORATORY-SHIPS KAVAPHOTON AND BASYELON!
ORDER THE PILOTS TO START UP THE ENGINES AND ALL THE SCIENTIFIC DIVISIONS TO REACH THEM!
IT WILL BE DONE!
WE KNOW!
HOWEVER, SOMEONE HAS ALREADY GOTTEN THERE!
THIS SHIP SEEMS READY TO TAKE OFF!
IT'S BIG ENOUGH FOR ALL OF US! ON BOARD!
HOPE THERE ARE SOME EVRONIAN STEWARDS TO PASS THE TIME WITH DURING THE VOYAGE!

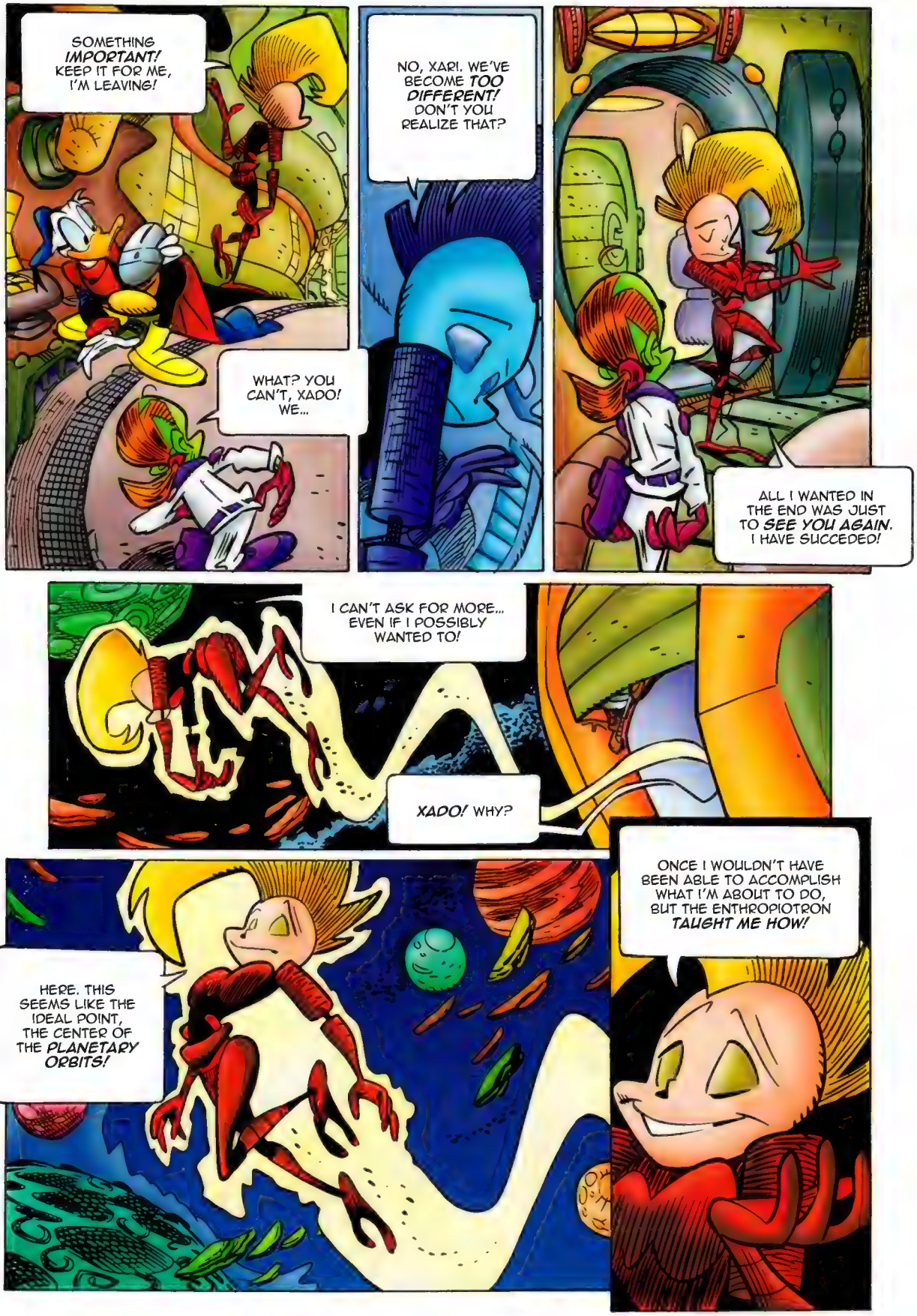

"THERE! HAPPY, BEAUTY EYES?"
STUD
VERY! NOW WE CAN TAKE OFF!
GRAVITOMAGNETIC MOORINGS RELEASED!
ORBITAL ENGINES ACTIVATED!
GOODBYE, EVRON...
... WITH THIS WE HAVE CLOSED ACCOUNT!
XADO!
THE DUCK AVENGER TOLD ME EVERYTHING!
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I'VE WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT, XAR!

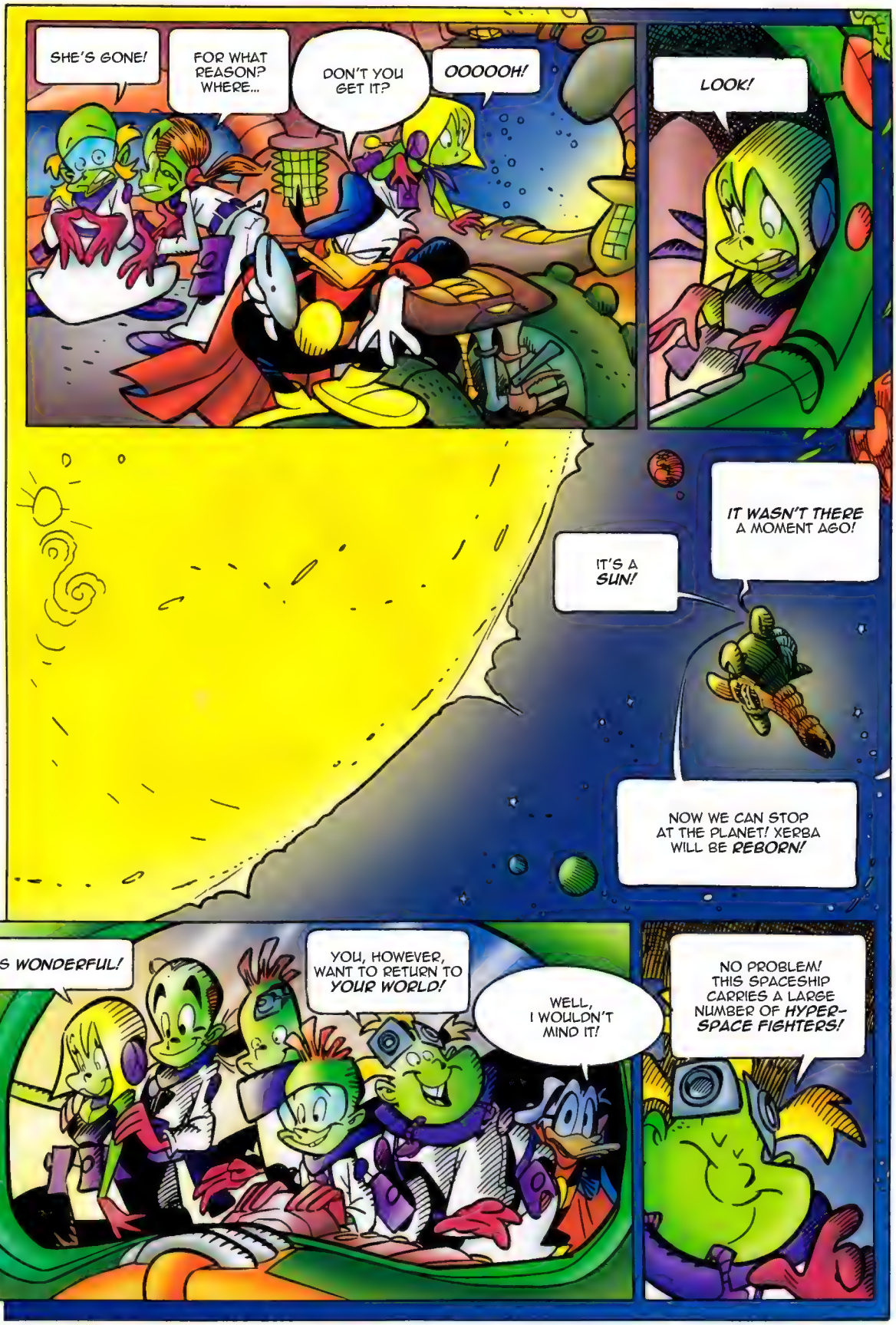

THE YEARS HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT, BUT I FOUND A TRUE FRIEND TO HELP ME ENDURE THEM!
A MUTUAL FRIEND, EVEN IF I GOT TO KNOW HIM JUST RECENTLY!
IF HE HADN'T FREED ME, THE EVRONIANS WOULD HAVE POURED OUT MY MEMORY WITH THEIR INSTRUMENTS, AND THUS HAVE DISCOVERED OUR PLANS!
HOW DID THE DUCK AVENGER KNOW WHERE YOU WERE IMPRISONED?
HE HE! I'M MORE SUSPICIOUS THAN YOU AND WHEN THEY TOOK HIM AWAY I PLACED A DETECTOR ON HIM TO FIND OUT WHERE THEY WENT!
AND WITH THE ENERGY YOU CASUALLY PROVIDED US, THE DIFFUSOR...
CASUALLY? I EMANATED IT ON PURPOSE!
XALYA FOUND ME IN THE ENTHROPIOTRON AND EXPLAINED THE SITUATION!
GOOD GOING, XALYA!

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
WE'LL RETURN TO PLOW THROUGH THE GALAXIES, IN SEARCH FOR A NEW PLANET TO SETTLE ON!
BUT WE HAVE ONE ALREADY!
THE ONE WE WERE SETTLED ON BEFORE THE EVRONIANS ARRIVED!
ABSURD! IT'S RICH IN RAW MATERIALS, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE ENERGY!
IF ONLY THERE WAS A SUN IN THIS PLANETARY SYSTEM...
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WE'LL SEEK WAYS TO TURN YOU BACK TO ONE OF US!
WHY? YOU DON'T LIKE ME THIS WAY?
I AM TRULY FREE! FREE OF ALL THE NECESSITIES THAT TORMENT YOU!
THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE'RE AGAIN FREE AND UNITED!

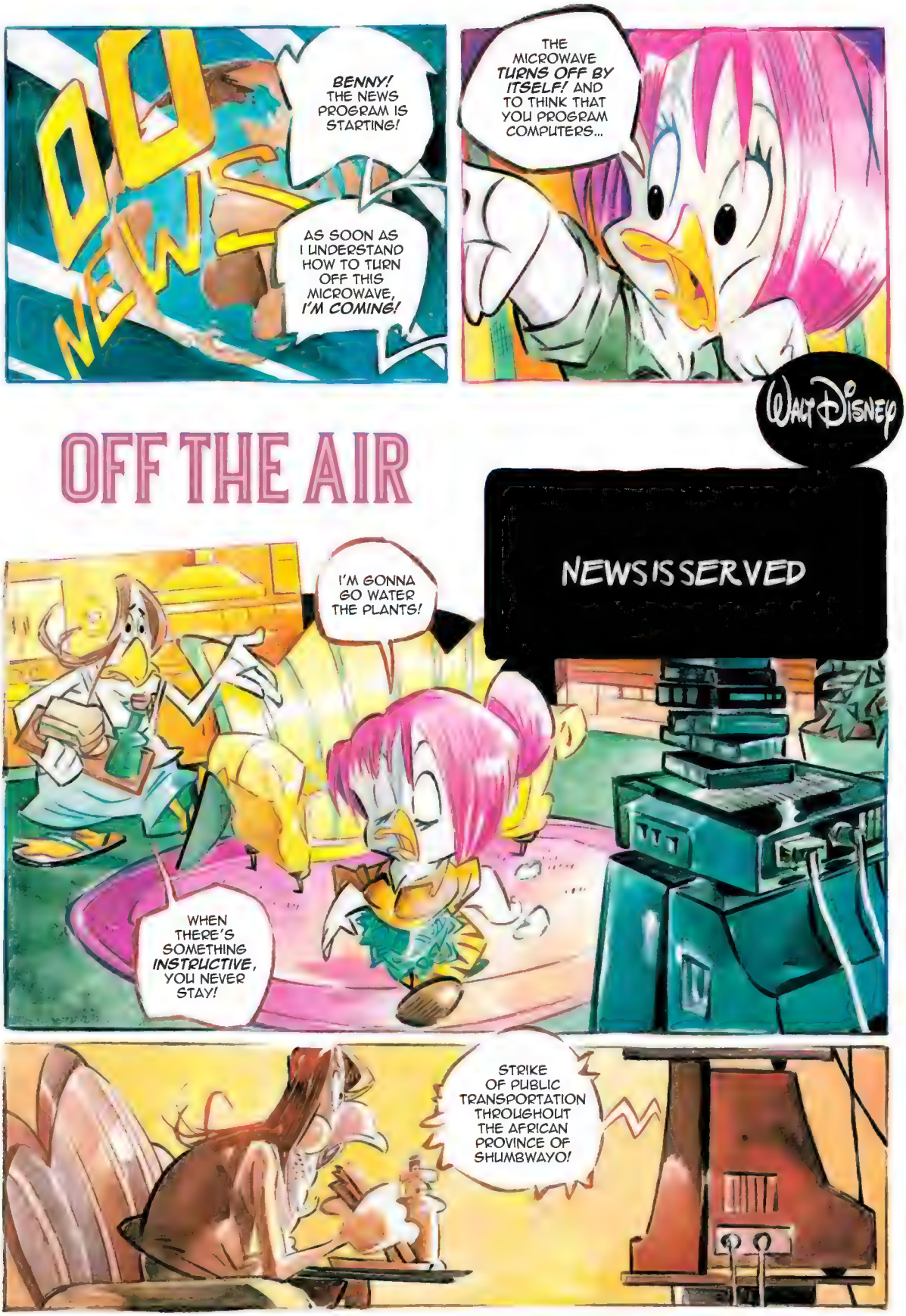

IT'S YOU WHO SHOULD BECOME LIKE ME!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, XADHOOM?
LOOK AT MY PEOPLE! DON'T YOU SEE WHAT THEY SEEK?
DON'T YOU GET IT, DUCK AVENGER? LOOK AROUND YOU!
THEY WANT WHAT I HAVE ALWAYS TRIED TO BUILD FOR THEM... A FUTURE!
BUT THIS TIME, I FINALLY KNOW WHAT TO DO TO GIVE THEM ONE!

XAR! SPOKE OF A DEVICE OF YOURS TO REGISTER MEMORY! IS THERE ONE ON THIS SHIP?
NATURALLY! A LABORATORY SHOULD HAVE...
QUIET, KOOLPON! SHE'LL USE IT ON US!
I CAN DO WORSE! YOU WERE SAYING, KOOLPON?
THERE! THERE! WE USE IT TO ARCHIVE OUR SCIENTIFIC OBSERVATIONS!
KRAHHLR
SHOW ME. IF YOU CAN EXPLAIN TO ME HOW TO USE IT, YOU AND YOUR BUDDY CAN LEAVE WITH A RESCUE SHUTTLE!
REALLY?
"REALLY!"
HEY, AVENGER!
CATCH!
ZIP
HUH? WHAT IS IT?


SOMETHING IMPORTANT! KEEP IT FOR ME, I'M LEAVING!
WHAT? YOU CAN'T, XADO! WE...
NO, XARI. WE'VE BECOME TOO DIFFERENT! DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT?
ALL I WANTED IN THE END WAS JUST TO SEE YOU AGAIN. I HAVE SUCCEDED!
I CAN'T ASK FOR MORE... EVEN IF I POSSIBLY WANTED TO!
XADO! WHY?
ONCE I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT I'M ABOUT TO DO, BUT THE ENTHROPIOTRON TAUGHT ME HOW!
HERE. THIS SEEMS LIKE THE IDEAL POINT, THE CENTER OF THE PLANETARY ORBITS!


SHE'S GONE!
FOR WHAT REASON? WHERE...
DON'T YOU GET IT?
OOOOOH!
LOOK!
IT WASN'T THERE A MOMENT AGO!
IT'S A SUN!
NOW WE CAN STOP AT THE PLANET! XERBA WILL BE REBORN!
IT'S WONDERFUL!
YOU, HOWEVER, WANT TO RETURN TO YOUR WORLD!
WELL, I WOULDN'T MIND IT!
NO PROBLEM! THIS SPACESHIP CARRIES A LARGE NUMBER OF HYPER-SPACE FIGHTERS!

CHEER UP, TERRESTRIAL FRIEND! AREN'T YOU HAPPY FOR US?
OF COURSE!
WE HAVE A NEW XERBA WE CAN RESTART UNDER A NEW SUN!
WE MUST GIVE IT A NAME! WHAT SHOULD WE CALL IT?
CALL IT XADHOOM!
OH? BUT THAT MEANS CREDITOR IN OUR LANGUAGE!
EXACTLY...
... YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH YOU OWE HER!
THE END


DD NEWS
BENNY! THE NEWS PROGRAM IS STARTING!
AS SOON AS I UNDERSTAND HOW TO TURN OFF THIS MICROWAVE, I'M COMING!
THE MICROWAVE TURNS OFF BY ITSELF! AND TO THINK THAT YOU PROGRAM COMPUTERS...
WALT DISNEY
OFF THE AIR
NEWS IS SERVED
I'M GONNA GO WATER THE PLANTS!
WHEN THERE'S SOMETHING INSTRUCTIVE, YOU NEVER STAY!
STRIKE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT THE AFRICAN PROVINCE OF SHUMBWAYO!

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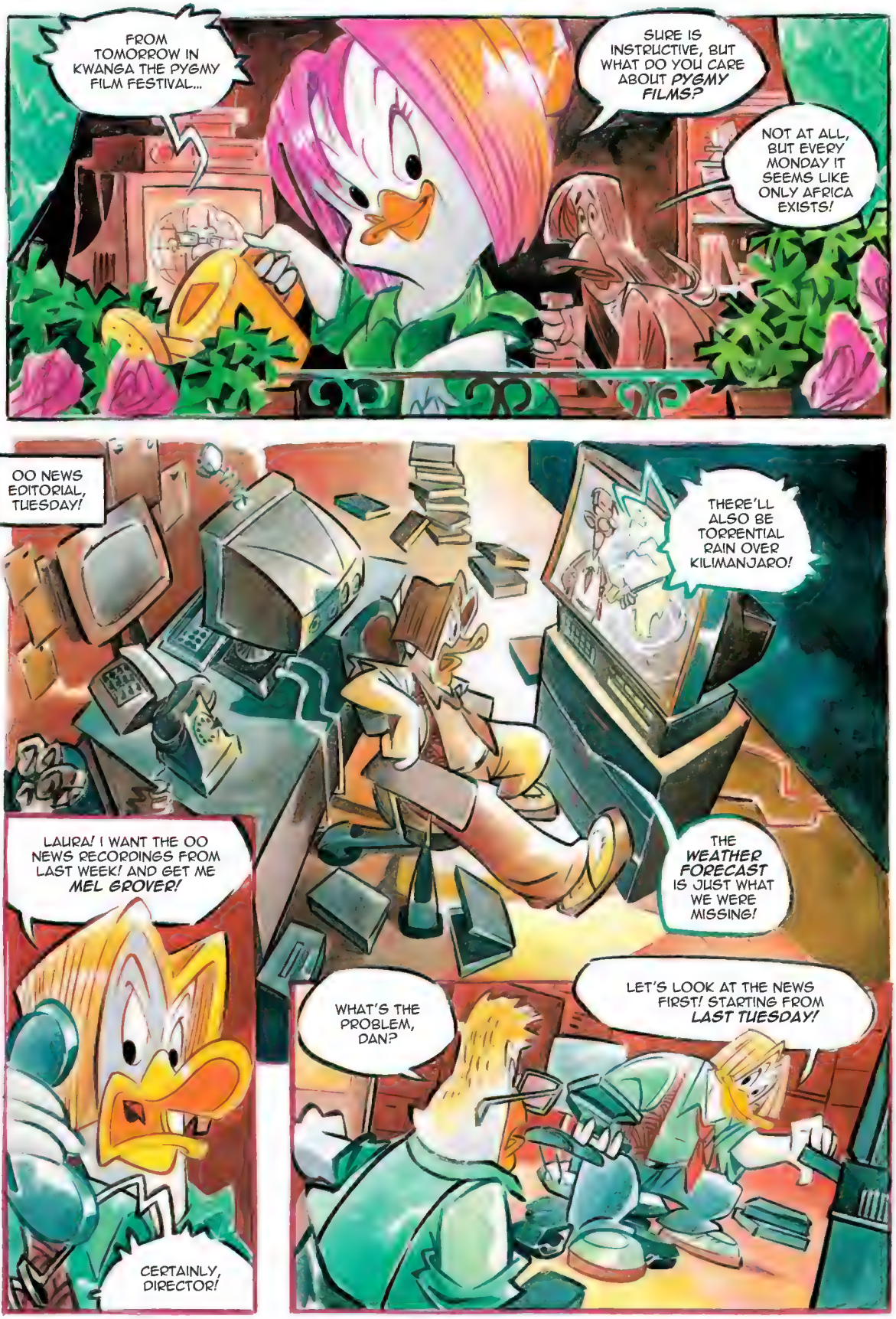
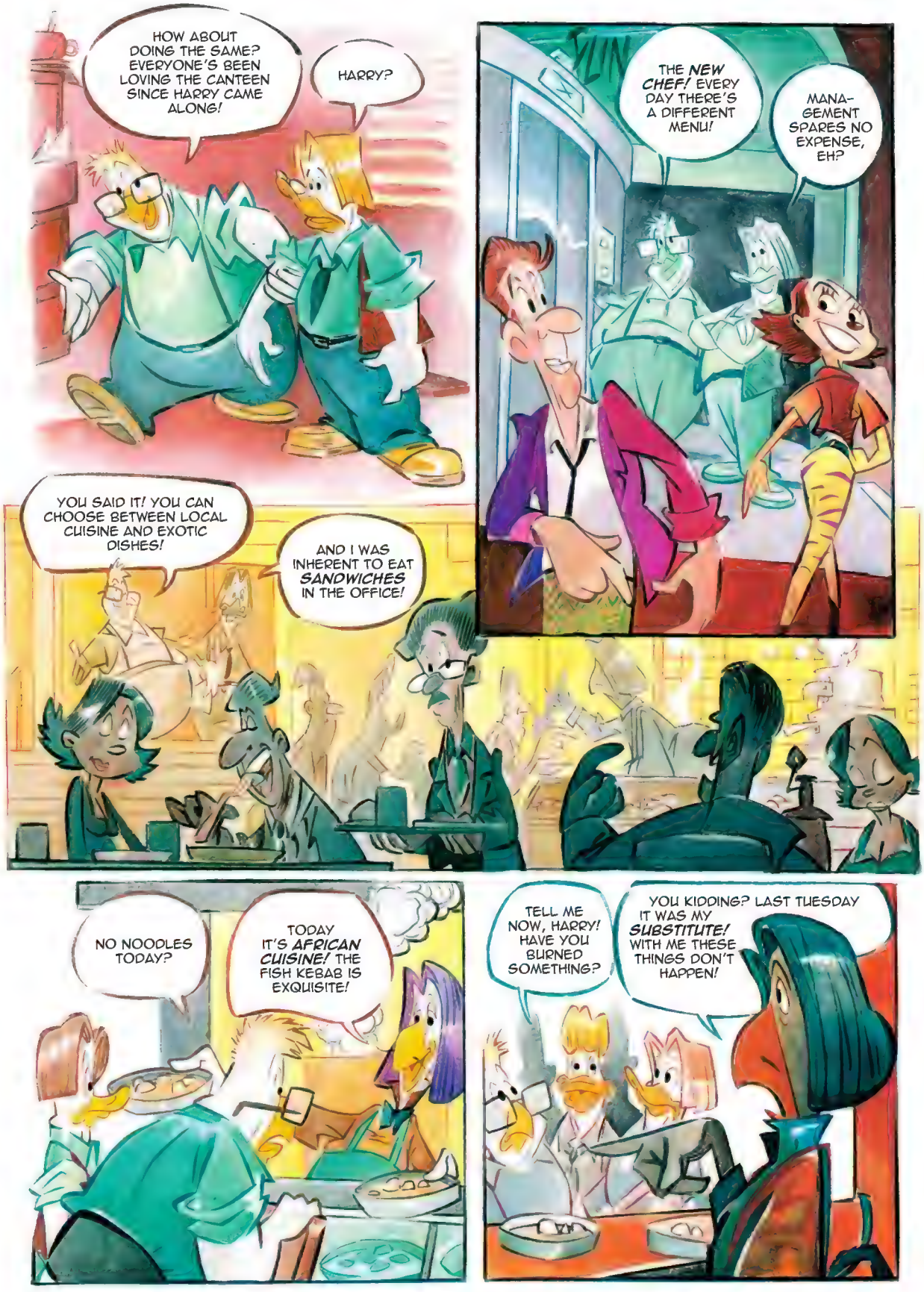
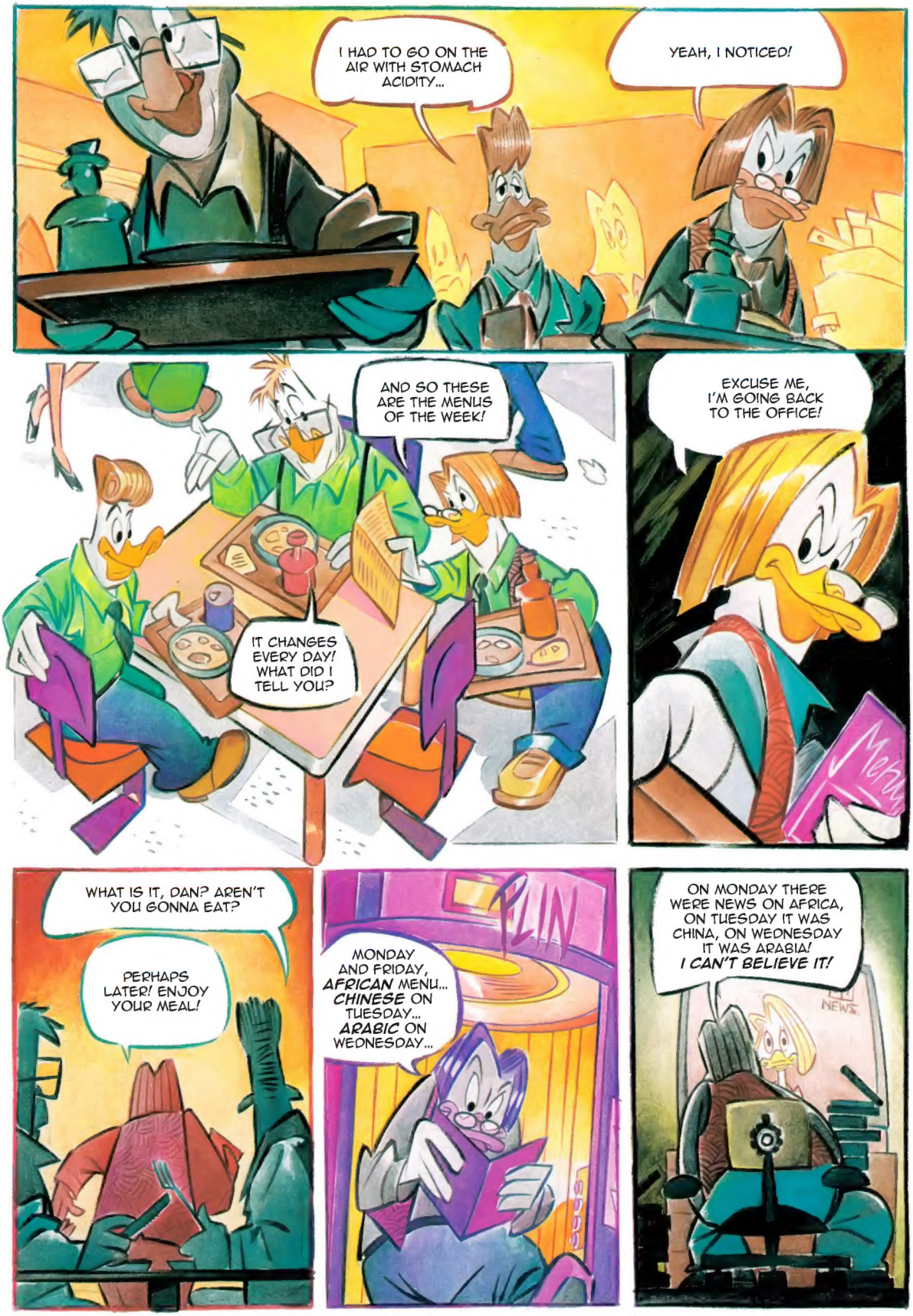

FROM TOMORROW IN KWANGA THE PYGMY FILM FESTIVAL...
SURE IS INSTRUCTIVE, BUT WHAT DO YOU CARE ABOUT *PYGMY FILMS?*
NOT AT ALL, BUT EVERY MONDAY IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY AFRICA EXISTS!
OO NEWS EDITORIAL, TUESDAY!
THERE'LL ALSO BE TORRENTIAL RAIN OVER KILIMANJARO!
LAURA! I WANT THE OO NEWS RECORDINGS FROM LAST WEEK! AND GET ME *MEL GROVER!*
THE *WEATHER FORECAST* IS JUST WHAT WE WERE MISSING!
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, DAN?
LET'S LOOK AT THE NEWS FIRST! STARTING FROM *LAST TUESDAY!*
CERTAINLY, DIRECTOR!

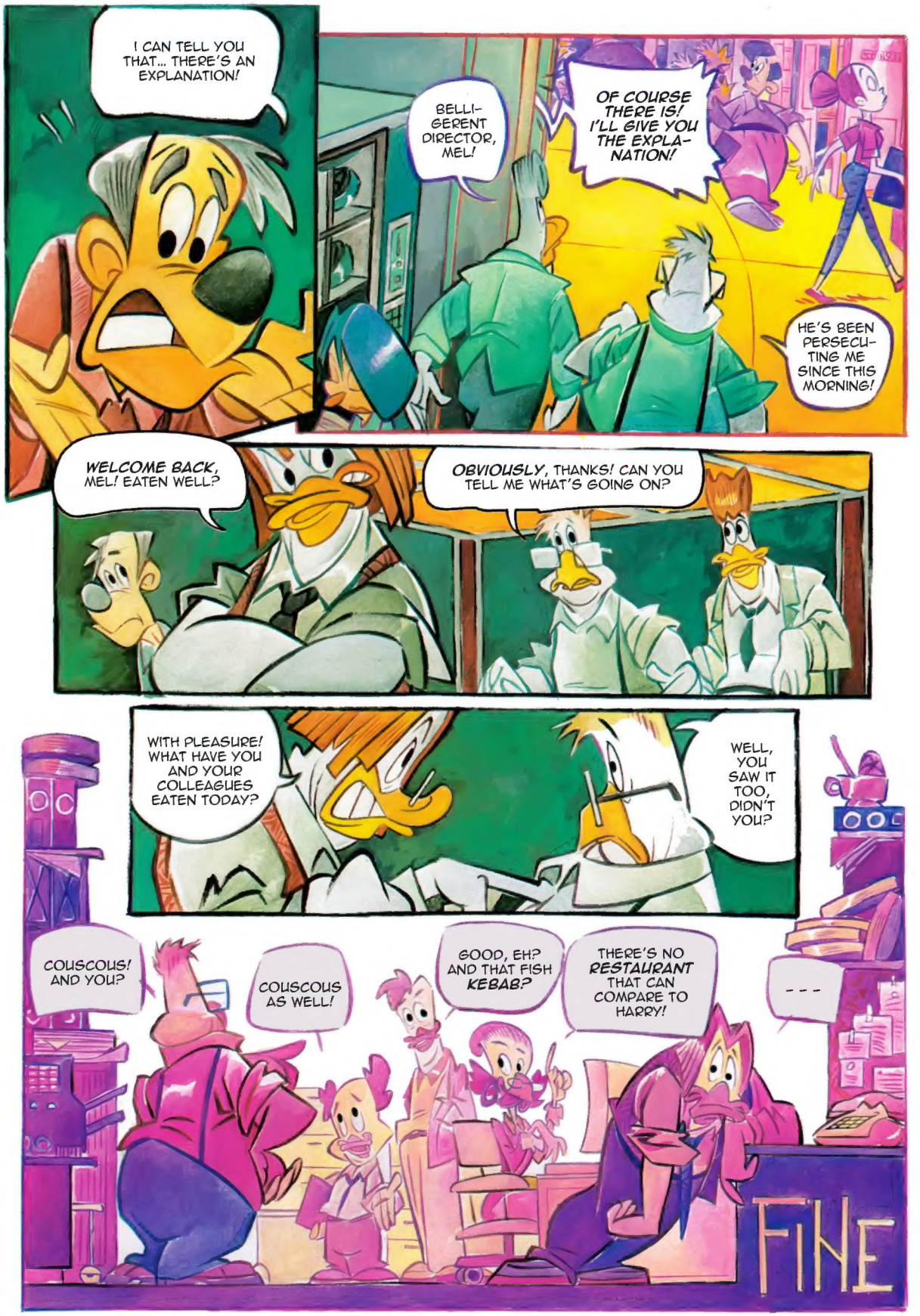
FROM SHANGHAI, KEVIN HOGAN! PROTEST RAGES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT THAT HAS DECIDED TO INCREASE THE PRICE IN BICYCLES!
NEWS
BZZZ
DISCOVERIES OF NEW DIGESTIVE PROPERTIES OF RHUBARB AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BEIJING!
NEWS
THERE WAS NOTHING BUT TALKS ABOUT CHINA!
SORRY, DAN! I HADN'T NOTICED!
WELL! NOTICE THE TUESDAY NIGHT EDITION, THEN!
PRICES FOR FUEL INCREASE...
INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC THROUGHOUT THE CITY...
SINKING OF A FISHING BOAT OFF THE COAST...

I REALIZE THAT THE WORLD ISN'T ALL ROSES, BUT THE PUBLIC ALSO WANT TO HEAR GOOD NEWS!
EHEM... I CAN EXPLAIN!
AFTER DINNER WE HAD DIGESTION PROBLEMS! MORRIGHAN WENT ON THE AIR WITH HEARTBURN! PERHAPS WE WERE INFLUENCED...
WHAAAT?
WITH THESE NEWS IT'S THE PUBLIC THAT'S STARTING TO HAVE STOMACH ACHE! THESE ARE FAXES SENT TO THE EDITORIAL!
"THE REPORT ON THE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT IN DHAKA WAS INTERESTING, BUT MAY I ALSO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DUCKBURG?"
CALL TOGETHER THE EDITORIAL! EXTRAORDINARY MEETING!
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS MOMENT, I'M AFRAID! ALMOST EVERYONE HAS LUNCH BREAK!


HOW ABOUT DOING THE SAME? EVERYONE'S BEEN LOVING THE CANTEEN SINCE HARRY CAME ALONG!
HARRY?
THE NEW CHEF! EVERY DAY THERE'S A DIFFERENT MENU!
MANA-GEMENT SPARES NO EXPENSE, EH?
YOU SAID IT! YOU CAN CHOOSE BETWEEN LOCAL CUISINE AND EXOTIC DISHES!
AND I WAS INHERENT TO EAT SANDWICHES IN THE OFFICE!
NO NOODLES TODAY?
TODAY IT'S AFRICAN CUISINE! THE FISH KEBAB IS EXQUISITE!
TELL ME NOW, HARRY! HAVE YOU BURNED SOMETHING?
YOU KIDDING? LAST TUESDAY IT WAS MY SUBSTITUTE! WITH ME THESE THINGS DON'T HAPPEN!


I HAD TO GO ON THE AIR WITH STOMACH ACIDITY...
YEAH, I NOTICED!
AND SO THESE ARE THE MENUS OF THE WEEK!
IT CHANGES EVERY DAY! WHAT DID I TELL YOU?
EXCUSE ME, I'M GOING BACK TO THE OFFICE!
Menu
WHAT IS IT, DAN? AREN'T YOU GONNA EAT?
PERHAPS LATER! ENJOY YOUR MEAL!
MONDAY AND FRIDAY, AFRICAN MENU... CHINESE ON TUESDAY... ARABIC ON WEDNESDAY...
ON MONDAY THERE WERE NEWS ON AFRICA, ON TUESDAY IT WAS CHINA, ON WEDNESDAY IT WAS ARABIA! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
NEWS

PETER, LET ME HAVE A LOOK AT THE AFTERNOON EDITIONS!
HERE, BOSS!
NEWS
S-SOMETHING WRONG, DIRECTOR?
WHAT KIND OF NEWS IS THIS?!
I-IN WHAT... SENSE?
THE CAMEL RACE CHAMPIONSHIP, THE LATEST FROM THE OASES AND NEW DISCOVERIES ON SAHARAN MOTHS?


I CAN TELL YOU THAT... THERE'S AN EXPLANATION!
BELLI-GERENT DIRECTOR, MEL!
OF COURSE THERE IS! I'LL GIVE YOU THE EXPLA-NATION!
HE'S BEEN PERSECU-TING ME SINCE THIS MORNING!
WELCOME BACK, MEL! EATEN WELL?
OBVIOUSLY, THANKS! CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON?
WITH PLEASURE! WHAT HAVE YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES EATEN TODAY?
WELL, YOU SAW IT TOO, DIDN'T YOU?
COUSCOUS! AND YOU?
COUSCOUS AS WELL!
GOOD, EH? AND THAT FISH KEBAB?
THERE'S NO RESTAURANT THAT CAN COMPARE TO HARRY!
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